

Jenolan Caves Historical and Preservation Society

NEWSLETTER

No. 1

October 1973

NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING

The next general meeting of the Society will be held in the Ball Room, Jenolan Caves House, at 8-45 PM on

Saturday 10 November 1973 .

We hope that our guest speaker will be Mr Theo Barker, who will talk about the work of local historical societies. Mr Barker recently conducted a survey on the needs, problems and capacities of local historical societies in New South Wales. He is also reputed to be interested in bushrangers.

Members intending to dine at Caves House should book at the reception desk by 4 PM.

Committee Meeting. The committee will meet in the Jenolan Caves School at 4 PM on 10 November 1973.

Ian Sefton, Hon. Sec.
6 October 1973

CONCESSION CAVE INSPECTION TICKETS

The Department of Tourism has kindly provided the society with half price concession cave inspection tickets. Each financial member should receive four tickets with this Newsletter. Family members also receive four tickets per family.

The terms of our agreement with the department provide that the tickets are available for adults only and that they may not be used on public holidays, holiday weekends or during public or private school holidays.

Why not visit Jenolan on 10 November ?

If you don't find any tickets in your envelope our records showed that you were not financial on 29 September.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscriptions were due on 1 July. If you have not yet renewed please send your subscription to the membership secretary, Noel Rawlinson, at Jenolan Caves.

Membership:	£ 5.00
Family membership:	£ 7.00
Full-time students:	£ 2.00

Members who joined the Society on or after 1 April 1973 remain financial until 30 June 1974.

ADDRESSES

Our official address is : Post Office, Jenolan Caves, NSW 2786. To make efficient contact with the secretariat please use the following :

Secretary, I.M.Sefton, 30 Lower Cliff Ave, Northbridge, 2063 ('phone Sydney 95 4562) ;

Asst Secretary, G.Morrison, 60 Lenthall St, Kensington, 2033;

Membership Secretary, G.N.Rawlinson, Guides' Office, Jenolan Caves, 2786;

Treasurer, J.R.Dunkley, 22/53 Alice St, Wiley Park, 2195 ;

Asst Treasurer, E.Holland, Guides' Office, Jenolan Caves, 2786.

WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT - THE OLD POST OFFICE

The unfortunate delays to the reconstruction of the old Post Office continued throughout the winter. The Dept of Tourism has made some money available for the work and has actually transferred this money to the Dept of Public Works. Our patron, Alderman H.G.Coates, MLA, has received an assurance from the Minister for Public Works that (subject to the inevitable qualification concerning the weather) work will be commenced in October.

Our Jenolan resident members, who got the Society going, prepared the site some months ago and are becoming restless. We hope that they will soon be busy again, getting the building ready for visitors.

Jenolan Caves Historical and Preservation Society

NEWSLETTER

No. 2

January 1974

NOTICE OF MEETING

The next general meeting of the Society will be held in Jenolan Caves House at 8-45 PM on

Saturday 9 February 1974 .

Speakers (hopefully) will include John Bonwick, Vice-President of the Sydney Speleological Society, on the discovery of Chevalier Cave, and Ian Driscoll on the Binoomea Cut.

Visitors are welcome.

Members and visitors intending to dine at Caves House should book at the reception desk by 4 PM.

The committee will meet in the Jenolan Caves School at 4 PM on Saturday 9 February 1974.

Ian Sefton, Hon. Secretary

SMOKE CONCERT

Don't forget the Smoke Concert in the Grand Arch on Sunday 27 January. These concerts are good fun and help to swell the Society's coffers.

Those who arrive early can give a hand carrying seats etc..

POST OFFICE RISES PHOENIX LIKE

The old Jenolan Caves Post Office is now standing again on its new site. The reconstruction was carried out by the Department of Public Works using a grant of money from the Department of Tourism. This building is the first stage of the Society's museum.

Now is the time for all members to come to the aid of the Society. The committee will be deciding soon what to display in the old post office. After that we will need to arrange rosters of members to mind the show while it is open. If you can help on a *regular* basis, please send details to the secretary.

DEVIL'S COACH HOUSE TO BE CLEANED

Many years ago a film company painted some of the walls of the Devil's Coach House. The paint, although fairly easy to remove, is still there. But it will not be there much longer if enough members turn up, equipped with scrubbing brush and bucket on Saturday 9 February (the same day as the meeting). Meet at the northern end (upstream) of the Devil's Coach House at 1-30 PM. Organiser is John Culley.

RECENT ACQUISITIONS

The society has received, from the family of the late James Cummings, a display case containing specimens of calcite and cave formations, collected in the days when such activities were condoned. James Cummings' grand-daughter, Mrs Janet Bryant, has supplied the following information.

James Cummings first went to Jenolan in the late 1880's when he was employed by the P.M.G. Department on the lighting of the Caves. On 26th September, 1893, in a ceremony conducted by the Rev'd William Dunslaw at Caves House, James married Margaretta Dorothy - a daughter of Jeremiah Wilson. Following their departure from Jenolan, they resided at Redfern. Since 1908, the specimen case has been on display in the house they built at Centennial Park - "Lucindaville".

NOVEMBER MEETING

The guest speaker at the November meeting was Mr Theo Barker, President of the Bathurst District Historical Society, who spoke on *The Needs, Problems, and Capacities of Local Historical Societies in New South Wales*.

Among other things Mr Barker remarked on the problems of getting into the museum business. Now that this Society has the nucleus of a museum we must consider these problems seriously. As we pointed out earlier in this NEWSLETTER we are going to need *reliable* and enthusiastic members who can attend to the museum on a *regular* basis.

Mr Barker has prepared a report on a survey of the needs, problems and capacities of local historical societies. This report may be inspected on application to the secretary.

Office Bearers 1973-74

Patron : Ald. H.G.Coates, MLA
 President : B.S.Nurse
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 Treasurer : 22/53 Alice St, Wiley Park 2195.

Membership enquiries and subscriptions may be addressed to the Membership Secretary.

Enrol a New Member

The society needs members. Lean on your friends and invite them to join. Subscriptions are :

Individuals : \$ 5.00
 Families : \$ 7.00
 Full time students : \$ 2.00

Subscriptions cover the year July to June. New members joining after 1 April have their subscriptions credited for the following financial year.

Jenolan Caves Historical and Preservation Society

NEWSLETTER

No. 3

* April 1974

NOTICE OF MEETING

The next general meeting of the society will be held in Jenolan Caves House at 8-45 PM on

Saturday 11 May 1974.

The speaker will be Ronald Newbould on the Discovery of the Barellan Cave. Members will recall Mr Newbould's lively discussion of the steam cleaning of the Orient Cave. Plenty of time for discussion and questions will be allowed.

Members and visitors intending to dine at Caves House should book at the reception desk by 4 PM.

The committee will meet at 4PM sharp in the Jenolan Caves School on 11 May 1974.

Ian Sefton, Hon. Secretary.

OLD POST OFFICE

As reported in the January NEWSLETTER, the old Jenolan Caves Post Office has been re-erected and will be used as the first stage of the Society's museum. Work has commenced on cleaning up the site around the building and a committee is drawing up plans for future displays. A special display has been planned for Easter.

We hope to have an official opening on Saturday 10 August, the day of the Annual General Meeting. More details in the next Newsletter.

1974 PROGRAMME	
General Meetings	11 May
	10 August (Annual General Meeting)
	9 November
Smoke Concert	6 October (Sunday)

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- * RECOMMENDED PRICE : 25 cents.

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IN SENATE
January 10, 1914.

REPORT
OF THE
COMMISSIONER OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE,
IN RESPONSE TO A RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE SENATE
MAY 17, 1912.

WASHINGTON:
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COMMISSIONER OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE,
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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COMMISSIONER OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE,
IN RESPONSE TO A RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE SENATE
MAY 17, 1912.

NEW POSTMARKER FOR JENOLAN CAVES

A new pictorial postmarker depicting cave formations, with a stylised Broken Column, came into use at Jenolan Caves Post Office on 1 April 1974.

The society has purchased a supply of covers bearing first day cancellations with the new postmarker and covers cancelled on the last day of use of the old postmarker. These are available for sale to members. Enquiries to Noel Rawlinson, c/- Guides' Office, Jenolan Caves.

The society tried to obtain the old postmarker for display in the Old Post Office Museum. For security reasons the Australian Post Office was unable to oblige. The old postmarker will, however, be kept in the APO's own collection.

CLEANING OF DEVIL'S COACH HOUSE

On Saturday 9 February a team of volunteers attacked the paint on the Devil's Coach House with enthusiasm, detergent, scrubbing brushes and a hose. A good deal of energy was expended in scrubbing, using brushes insecurely tied to long handles. Then it was found that a spray of concentrated detergent, left for half an hour, loosened some paint which could then be hosed off.

Although a significant start has been made, there is still a lot to be removed and some of it will only be reached from a caving ladder. Another lesson learnt was that a notice explaining the action would be useful. Some of the bedraggled and grubby band spent a considerable time in explanations and public relations work.

Ann Sefton

FEBRUARY MEETING

Two guest speakers presented papers at the February meeting. Ian Driscoll, former member of the Sydney Speleological Society, presented a paper on the construction of the Binoomea Cut.

An illustrated talk on the discovery of Chevalier Cave, an extension of Glass Cave, was given by co-discoverer, scaling pole and ladder manufacturer and now Vice President of SSS, John Bonwick.

J.C.H. & P.S. OCCASIONAL PAPERS

The society has decided to publish a selection of papers, presented to meetings, as a series of occasional papers. After many delays, the printing of the first two papers of the series is now almost complete, and the papers will be on sale at the May meeting.

The papers are :

1. *Steam Cleaning of the Orient Cave* by Ronald Newbould,
2. *The Discovery of the Imperial Cave* by Noel Rawlinson.

The price has been set at 50 cents each. Members may obtain copies at meetings or by writing to Ian Sefton, 30 Lower Cliff Ave, Northbridge 2063. Please add 15 cents per order to cover the cost of postage and packing.

SOCIETY BADGES

Lapel badges, with the society's emblem, are now available to members at \$1.00 each. They will be on sale at general meetings. Postal orders may be sent to the Assistant Treasurer, Mr E. Holland, c/- Guides' Office, Jenolan Caves 2786.

The emblem and the badge were designed by committee member, Warren Targett. The emblem has already been used on Smoke Concert programmes and on the information brochure printed for us by the Department of Tourism.

PERSONAL

Mr S.V. Onorato, Vice President of the society and formerly manager of Jenolan Caves House, is now manager of the Tourist Bureau in Sydney. He now lives in Northbridge and misses the vigour of life at Jenolan. He has been succeeded as manager of Caves House by Mr R.F. Tullett, who is now the Department's representative on our committee.

Warren and Vivienne Targett have moved away from the big smoke to 46 John Street, Forresters Beach 2251, 'phone (043) 84 3035. Warren is the society's research officer and would like to be kept informed of all historical research projects undertaken by members.

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SUBSCRIPTIONS

Annual subscriptions for the year 1974-75 become due on 1 July. You can save us the trouble of sending out reminders by remembering to renew your subscription. When renewing please PRINT your full name and, in the case of family memberships, the names of other members of your family covered by the subscription. Please check, also, the address on the envelope with this NEWSLETTER and advise us of any amendments. The subscription rates are :

Single member	\$ 5.00
Family	\$ 7.00
Full time student	\$ 2.00 .

Each single member and each family member will be issued with four half-price concession cave inspection tickets, valid for the membership year (1 July - 30 June). These tickets have been kindly provided by the Department of Tourism.

Some members have not yet renewed for the current year. Please let us have your subscription soon. We need your money as well as your interest if we are ever going to complete our museum.

ADDRESSES WANTED

If you know the address of any of the following members please write to the membership secretary :

Mr G.N.Rawlinson, c/- Guides' Office, Jenolan Caves
2786.

J.E. & T.J. Aitchison, Mr ? Brister, W.Johnston, M.McPherson,
W.B.Morrison, Paul G. Quinn, A.Wakelen.

Please remember to notify us when you move.

WANTED

1. Information about Mr A.A. Lewis who lived at Jenolan and was a leader of shooting parties. Please contact Warren Targett.
 2. Volunteers to man displays in the museum. Contact the secretary.
 3. Contributions for this NEWSLETTER. Please send them to Ian Sefton, 30 Lower Cliff Ave, Northbridge 2063.
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Jenolan Caves Historical and Preservation Society

NEWSLETTER

No. 4

July 1974

Price 25 cents

OFFICIAL OPENING OF MUSEUM

The Society's first big happening is about to happen, just two years after the inaugural meeting. The first stage of the Society's museum, the relocated and restored old Jenolan Caves Post Office, will be officially opened by the Minister for Lands and Tourism, the Hon. T.L. Lewis, M.L.A., at 3 P.M. on

Saturday 10 August 1974.

Chairman will be our patron, Ald. H.G. Coates, M.L.A., Member for Blue Mountains.

A special historical display, inside the old Post Office, will also be shown for the first time.

Following the official opening, afternoon tea will be served in Caves House. This will cost 50 cents, payable at the door. Since we need to know how many to cater for, RSVP to Sandra Heaney not later than 3 August. (See page 2.)

This event will mark a significant stage in the Society's growth. From now on the committee will be looking to the members for continuing support in the running of the museum. You can show your support by coming to the opening ceremony - and have a pleasant day at Jenolan as well. Don't forget the Annual General Meeting on the evening of the same day.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The second Annual General Meeting of the Society will be held in the dining room of Jenolan Caves House at 9 P.M. on

Saturday 10 August 1974 .

Business includes annual reports and election of office bearers for the following year. Reports will include brief summaries of historical research projects in progress, and there will be an opportunity to discuss these. A slide show or talk will be included in the agenda.

Ian Sefton
Hon. Secretary

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

Annual subscriptions became due on 1 July.

Rates are : single member : \$ 5.00
 family : \$ 7.00
 full time student : \$ 2.00 .

A form is enclosed for your convenience. Please make sure that we have your correct address and the names of all people covered by a family membership (relationship - wife, son, etc. - would also help us to know our membership better.)

Please renew now and save us the trouble and expense of sending individual reminders.

MUSEUM STAFF REQUIRED

This is a sink or swim time for the society. Members now have the opportunity to show their practical support by volunteering to supervise the museum. This activity is vital for the society's future, since we hope to raise money from donations, sale of papers and recruitment of new members through the museum.

Initially we propose to open the old Post Office on weekends and holidays for four hours a day. We need two people for each of two shifts, 11-30 AM to 1-30 PM and 1-30 PM to 3-30 PM.

If you can help, please fill in the enclosed form and return it to the secretary, or telephone - PRONTO .

LAPEL BADGES

Don't forget that you can buy Society lapel badges from Ernie Holland at Jenolan. If ordering by post do allow 7 cents for postage. Some members have complained that the clips fall off these badges. If you return them to Ernie, he will try to get them fixed. If he can't the manufacturer will.

STOP PRESS - AFTERNOON TEA ON OPENING DAY

All members should receive an invitation card. Please reply in the manner specified, and in the time requested, on the card. If you don't reply we still hope to see you at the official opening - but don't expect afternoon tea.

NOMINATIONS FOR COMMITTEE

Nominations for positions on the committee to be elected at the Annual General Meeting, to be held on 10 August, must be in writing and signed by the proposer and the nominee. Although nominations may be received at the meeting, it will be appreciated if they can be sent to reach me before the meeting - by 26 July if possible.

The following are to be elected : president, two vice-presidents, treasurer, assistant treasurer, secretary, assistant secretary, membership secretary, two curators, research officer, representative of the N.S.W. Government Tourist Bureau and seven additional committee members. One of the additional members will be expected to act as publicity officer. The Annual General Meeting will also elect a patron and three trustees. Names of the current office bearers were listed in NEWSLETTER No. 2 (Jan. 1974).

Ian Sefton, Secretary

RECENT COMMUNICATIONS

The May meeting heard two papers.

The prolific Ronald Newbould read a detailed account of the discovery of the, officially named, *Barellan Cave*. He pointed out that the discoverers of the cave called it *Barralong*. The meeting subsequently resolved to request that the official name should be changed to that given by the discoverers.

Mrs Pam Williams read a paper, prepared in 1954 but never delivered, by Ernest Mellor, who was at Jenolan in 1900, when he was 26. This entertaining paper was entitled *The History, Mystery and Jenolan Romance*. Mrs Williams has provided us with a copy of this paper which we hope to publish as an occasional paper.

DONATIONS

Recent donations to the society include a small organ and a collection box, presented by Mr Russell Perry of Lithgow. It is claimed that this organ is similar to one which used to be played in the Cathedral chamber of Lucas Cave - it may even be the same organ.

Mr A. Williams has donated some old photographs.

OCCASIONAL PAPERS

The first two Occasional Papers published by the society are selling well - so don't miss out. No.1 is *Steam Cleaning of Orient Cave* by R.L. Newbould and No. 2 is *The Discovery of the Imperial Cave* by Noel Rawlinson.

Prices: No. 1 , 50 ¢ (plus post and packing 20¢) : 70 ¢ ,
No. 2 , 50 ¢ (plus post and packing 12¢) : 62 ¢ ,
Nos 1&2, \$1.00 (plus post and packing 25¢) : \$1.25 .

Orders may be sent to the secretary.

These papers have been produced by members and friends, Ross Ellis, Lynette Williamson, Bob Hawkins and Ian Sefton. Printing was done by Silform Manufacturing and The Sydney Speleological Society and their helpers. If any other members have expertise or equipment for future printing jobs we would be delighted to hear from them.

THE OLD POST OFFICE AGAIN

The floor of the old Post Office has been coated with a hard varnish and electric lighting is soon to be installed. There is a new sign outside the building and a concrete path has been laid all around. The stone wall in front of the site is now about half finished while concrete steps up to the site have been completed. Workers on this project include the curators, John Culley and John Callaghan, and Ron Newbould. - there are probably others who hide their lights.

The initial display, consisting largely of selected historical photographs and some relics is being organised by Warren Targett and the curators.

ADDRESSES

Our official address is Post Office, Jenolan Caves 2786. It is often quicker to communicate directly with the officer you want :

President: B.S.Nurse, 11 Nelson Parade, Hunters Hill 2110.

Secretary: I.M.Sefton, 30 Lower Cliff Ave, Northbridge 2063.*

Membership Secretary: G.N.Rawlinson, Guides' Office,
Jenolan Caves 2786.

Publicity: Sandra Heaney, Flat 2 Merewether Court,
21 Ranclaud St, Merewether 2291

* Secretary's phone : (02) 95 4562.

To Mr G.N.Rawlinson, Membership Secretary,
Jenolan Caves Historical and Preservation Society,
Post Office, Jenolan Caves, N.S.W. 2786 .

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To Mr I.M.Sefton,
 30 Lower Cliff Ave or phone Sydney 95 4562
 Northbridge N.S.W. 2063

J.C.H.A.P.S. MUSEUM SUPERVISION 1974-75

Name(s) of volunteer(s) 1.
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I/we volunteer to supervise the society's museum on the following dates during 1974-75.

1st preference OR 2nd preference OR 3rd preference

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* Specify shift 1 (11-30 AM to 1-30 PM) or Shift 2 (1-30 to 3-30) or either.

** Please wait for advice before turning up.

ADDRESS

PHONE

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Jenolan Caves Historical and Preservation Society

NEWSLETTER

No. 5

September 1974

Price 25 cents

SMOKE CONCERT

A traditional Smoke Concert will be held in the Grand Arch at Jenolan Caves at 8-30 PM on

Sunday 6 October 1974 .

Smoke concerts were one of the early forms of entertainment at Jenolan; the last of the original concerts being held in 1896. The tradition was revived by Jenolan residents in 1970 and has been continued by the society. Proceeds from the sale of programmes at these concerts helps to speed the day when we will have a modern museum building.

Do come - and bring your friends.

NOVEMBER MEETING

The next general meeting will be held in Caves House at 8-30 PM on

Saturday 9 November 1974 .

The feature speaker will be Mr Basil Ralston, who will talk about

Men of Jenolan .

This talk will be based on an unpublished book which Mr Ralston wrote some years ago.

The committee will meet in the Jenolan Caves school at 4-00 PM (sharp please) on 9 November 1974.

Ian Sefton, Hon. Sec.

WHAT'S THE USE

of having a museum with a good display if there is nobody to show it ? The peak visiting times should be at the weekends when our Jenolan members are all working. So we need members who do not work at weekends to go up to Jenolan and man the museum. We asked, in the last NEWSLETTER, for members to nominate times when they would do their bit. We got two replies.

PLEASE get those forms rolling in. Or telephone Ian Sefton, Sydney 95 4562.

OLD POST OFFICE RE-OPENED

On 10 August the old Jenolan Caves Post Office which, on its new site, forms the first stage of the society's proposed museum, was officially opened by Mr T.L. Lewis, Minister for Lands and Tourism. A plaque, set into a limestone boulder beside the building, commemorates the event.

Following the unveiling of the plaque the Minister unlocked the door of the old post office and the official party inspected the society's first permanent display. A sumptuous afternoon tea was served in Caves House before the official party left for an old time cave inspection, by candlelight.

The opening celebrations were a complete success, thanks to the many members who worked to bring it off. These include our patron, Ald. H.G. Coates, who presided over the ceremony, Warren Targett and David Rogers who organised the display, John Culley who arranged and led the old time cave inspection, Sandra Heaney (invitations and publicity), John Callaghan (plaque), Noel Rawlinson (souvenir envelopes) and many others. Ernie Holland and Ben Nurse organised everyone else. Thanks are also due to the Manager and staff of Caves House who assisted in many ways.

BARRALONG CAVE

At the May general meeting Ron Newbould read his diaries describing the discovery of the cave which he and his co-discoverers named *Barralong*. The cave was later named *Barellan* by the Department of Tourism. This meeting was probably the first time that many people had heard of the use of two different names. The meeting decided to ask the department to restore the original name and authorised our patron, Ald. H.G. Coates, M.L.A., to approach the Minister for Tourism.

Negotiations took some time, but Mr Coates persisted and we are now happy to report that the Minister has approved that the cave be known, in future, as the *Barralong Cave*.

The meaning of *Barralong* is the same as *Barellan*, namely *meeting of the waters*.

The annual general meeting of the society decided to publish Mr Newbould's *Barralong* diaries.

STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE FOR THE
YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE 1974

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
	\$		\$
Balance brought forward		Secretarial expenses	38.75
1-7-73	307.63	Treasurer's expenses	0.95
MEMBERSHIP		Membership secretary's	2.01
Ordinary	230.00	expenses	
Family	231.00	PUBLICATIONS	
Student	<u>20.00</u>	Occasional papers 1&2	116.12
	481.00	R.A.H.S. Subscription	12.50
SALES		Badges	75.25
Occasional		Insurance	162.53
papers	62.20	Loan repayments for	
Slides	20.00	camera	62.00
Envelopes &		Materials for museum	7.30
stamps	118.80	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	<u>#77.41</u>
Badges	<u>65.00</u>	Balance carried forward	
	266.00	30-6-74	<u>745.72</u>
ADMISSIONS			\$1223.13
Display	20.00	BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD	
Smoke Concert	<u>26.72</u>	Cash in bank	792.76
	46.72	+ Uncredited deposits	133.00
Donations	<u>121.78</u>	+ Cash in hand	<u>31.61</u>
TOTAL INCOME	\$ <u>1223.13</u>		957.37
		- Unpresented cheques	<u>211.65</u>
		BALANCE	<u>745.72</u>

J. R. Dunkley Treasurer

BRISBANE WATER HISTORICAL SOCIETY advises that they are holding a family picnic day at Kendall Cottage, Henry Kendall St, West Gosford, on Saturday 19 October. The event commemorates the centenary of Henry Kendall's stay in Gosford. Admission 50¢, RSVP by 1-10-74 to Mrs B.Fry, 218 Gertrude St, Gosford 2250.

Wanted. Information about A.A. Lewis who led shooting parties at Jenolan. Contact Research Officer, Warren Targett, 46 John St, Forresters Beach 2251.

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 B.Ralston (assistant research officer),
 N.W.Sims, R.M.Stacey
 Trustees : D. Bryant, G.C.Mitchell, B.S.Nurse.

Contacts

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 Treasurer and Membership Secretary : Guides' Office, Jenolan
 Caves 2786.
 Assistant Treasurer : 77 Woodfield Boulevard, Caringbah 2229.

Subscriptions may be sent to the Membership Secretary, orders for other items to the Treasurer or Assistant Treasurer (the Secretary no longer handles these).

Subscriptions

Individuals	\$ 5.00
Families	\$ 7.00
Full time students	\$ 2.00

Subscriptions cover the year 1 July to 30 June and are now due for the year 1974-75. New members who joined on or after 1 April 1974 are financial until 30 June 1975. Those who do not pay by the end of the financial year cease to be members (but please don't wait that long).

Items for sale

Occasional paper 1, Steam Cleaning of Orient Cave, 50¢ (75¢ posted)
 Occasional paper 2, Discovery of Imperial Cave, 50¢ (67¢ posted)
 Badge (society emblem) , \$1.00 (\$1.10 posted)
 Souvenir cover, postmarked 10-8-74 (opening day), 20¢ (30¢ posted)
 Newsletter, back issues , 25¢ (post free)

Jenolan Caves Historical and Preservation Society



NEWSLETTER

No. 6

January 1975

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NOTICE OF MEETING

The next general meeting of the Society will be held in Jenolan Caves House, at 8-30 PM on

Saturday 8 February 1975 .

Business : Amendments to the constitution to allow the election of honorary members and honorary life members. For details see notice on page 2.

Following other normal business the meeting will be devoted to short reports on current historical research by members. Those who have been engaged in research are asked to prepare summaries for presentation at the meeting together with short abstracts for publication in this NEWSLETTER.

Members intending to dine at Caves House before the meeting are reminded that some formality of dress is required - coat and tie for men. Early booking is also advised, either by phoning Caves House directly or by contacting me by 7 PM on Monday 3 February (ring Sydney 95 4562).

Ian Sef ton Hon. Sec.

SMOKE CONCERT

The Society will present a Smoke Concert in the Grand Arch, Jenolan Caves, at 8-30 PM on

Sunday 26 January 1975 .

Members and friends offering to perform at this concert should contact one of the organisers :

Ron Newbould at the Guides' Office, Jenolan or
Sandra Heaney, 2/21 Ranclaud St, Merewether 2291,
as soon as possible, so that a programme can be arranged.

Some help in moving seats etc. both before and after the concert will be appreciated. Please contact Ron on arrival at Jenolan.

Spend Australia Day at Jenolan and stay for the Smoke Concert.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

Notice is hereby given that, at the General Meeting of the Society to be held on 8 February 1975, the following motion will be put :-

That Clause Three of the present constitution be deleted and replaced by the following.

3.00 Membership

3.10 Ordinary Member

Membership shall be open to all persons subscribing to the objects of the Society and paying the prescribed fee and the Committee shall have the right to refuse membership to any person without assigning a reason.

3.20 Honorary Member and Honorary Life Member

3.21 Any person, financial member or not, who has performed outstanding service to the Society may be elected as an Honorary Member or an Honorary Life Member.

3.22 An Honorary Member is elected for a period of one year. An Honorary Life Member is elected for a period of five years. Both types of membership can be extended by a motion similar to the election motion.

3.23 Honorary Members or Honorary Life Members shall be elected to the Society at the will of the members voting at a duly prescribed meeting of the Society. Such elections are to be decided by a two thirds majority of the financial members present. The membership is effective from the date of election.

3.24 The name of any proposed Honorary Member or Honorary Life Member, with the names of the respective proposer and seconder, shall be advised to each individual member, at least one month before the election.

3.25 Honorary Members and Honorary Life Members shall pay no membership fee but shall have all the rights and privileges of the ordinary members of the Society.

The committee has considered these changes and recommends their adoption.

Ian Sefton, Hon. Secretary

WANTED

The curators are anxious to acquire a Pyramid switch board of the type used in the old post office. For details, please enquire of John Callaghan or John Culley at the Guides' Office.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS - II

At the last general meeting Noel Rawlinson gave verbal notice that, at the general meeting to be held on 8 February 1975, he intends to move an amendment to the constitution to the effect that any committee member who misses two consecutive committee meetings shall be stood down from the committee.

MUSEUM SUPERVISION

Following the poor response to a plea for members to supervise the old Post Office Museum *every* weekend, the committee decided to employ somebody to mind the museum on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays on a regular schedule. Sandra Martyn has been performing this duty.

This action has meant that, until the end of November at least, the museum has not been making a cash surplus. Members who wish the Society to flourish should think seriously about this problem.

CLEANING OF DEVIL'S COACH HOUSE

Volunteers are required to carry out further cleaning of paint from the walls of the Devil's Coach House on Sat. 8 Feb., the day of the next meeting. Please come with old clothes or swimming cossie, scrubbing brush etc. and report to Guides' Office or works site on arrival. It may help if you let Ron Newbould know if you are coming - see him at the Smoke Concert.

ACQUISITIONS

The Curators have received the following additions to the Society's collection.

From Mr W.F. Heiron - some old photographs.
From an anonymous donor - some magnesium wire and powder.
Found in Lucinda Cave - an 1880-1890 vintage Edison light globe, still in working order.

MUSEUM SITE IMPROVEMENTS

The stone retaining wall in front of the old Post Office is now complete and the surrounding area has been sown with grass.

The committee has authorised the purchase of curtains for the museum, glass frames for displaying photographs and signs directing visitors to the museum.

SOME THOUGHTS ON MUSEUMS*Ann Sefton*

Because of an interest in historical museums aroused by association with JCH&PS, the Secretary has been looking at historical and folk museums in various places.

No doubt the most successful museums are the well-funded reconstructions of houses to a particular period (e.g. Vauclose House in Sydney or Entally House near Launceston or the collection at Hill End). This is beyond our resources.

One interesting historic house is in Kangaroo Valley; there the house has been faithfully reconstructed and some old farm equipment is displayed behind it. However, associated with it is a museum in which a multitude of unlabelled objects resides without any real attempt at sorting or dating.

By contrast, the museum in Burnie, Tasmania, is a re-creation of the life of the town in the last century with a reconstruction of shops and an inn. This is very well done; the museum behind has collections which are well sorted, dated and documented. The museum has sections devoted to themes (light, typewriters, heating, photography for example) of obvious interest to local schools as well as the general public. This sort of philosophy of a museum is perhaps most appropriate to Jenolan; to reconstruct a turn-of-the-century post office and use the museum to display thematic collections of specialist items.

The museum at Port Arthur also contains some lessons for Jenolan. One half contains fascinating and well-documented convict relics, including documents which suggest that during imprisonment, reading and writing as well as trades were taught to convicts. The other half of the museum contains a mass of bits and pieces, largely unlabelled and unrelated to convict days (e.g. shell collections and an oil painting of Napoleon).

My impression, from all this museum visiting, is that JCH&PS should aim, in its museum, at excellence in limited areas, and should be prepared to label, organise and annotate any material included in the museum. The post office building itself ought best to be re-created and furnished as a post office in about 1890.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Some members have been dilatory in paying their subs. If you are not financial before the next NEWSLETTER comes out, this one will be your last.

Subscriptions are \$5.00 (families \$7.00) or \$2.00 for full time students. Send them to the Membership Secretary, Noel Rawlinson, c/- Guides' Office, Jenolan Caves 2786.

MEN OF JENOLAN

At the November meeting Basil Ralston spoke on *Men of Jenolan*, prepared from an unpublished book of his which he has deposited in the Mitchell Library. His account was absorbingly interesting and, after reading the preface, answered questions at length rather than present a completely prepared paper.

He commented on the lack of real history known in 1964 when he was working at Jenolan. J.J. Foster's book on Jenolan is accurate and excellent. Mr Ralston, using this book as a guide, did some practical research and rediscovered a number of caves and sections of caves (e.g. Paradise, Elysium).

Jeremiah Wilson worked on the northern limestone and no subsequent major discoveries have been made in the area where he worked. Major discoveries since his time have been made in the southern limestone. The River Cave, in the southern limestone, is officially recorded as discovered in 1903; Mr Ralston regards it as certain that at least part of the cave (down to the river level) was known prior to 1903.

On McKeown : Mr Ralston feels that he was more likely an escaped convict than a bushranger and that his hut might have been where Caves House now stands. He argued that the real discoverers of Jenolan were those who found the dark caves and these people are unknown.

In 1860 Whiting wrote to Bathurst Free Press stating that he was in a party which discovered Lucas Cave (through the Cathedral section) because anyone who had preceded that party would have broken formations while entering.

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PROGRAMME FOR 1975

Please note these in your diary.

Sunday 26 January	Smoke Concert
Saturday 8 February	Cleaning of Devil's Coach House
	&
Saturday 10 May	General Meeting
Saturday 9 August	General Meeting
Sunday 5 October (tentative)	Annual General Meeting
Saturday 8 November	Smoke Concert
	General Meeting

PERSONAL

Following the retirement of Frank Harman, John Culley is now Head Guide. Frank remains a member of our committee, as does John, who is a curator of the museum.

EXTRACTS FROM

REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT RESEARCH OFFICER
November 1974

B. Ralston

I contacted Mr Wes Whalan of Cronulla, who paid a year's subscription.

I saw Mrs Whalan of Katoomba, who claims to be descended from James Whalan from Ginkin. She told me that her son Rex worked at one time in the State Archives, where he was able to trace the story of Sergeant Charles Whalan. He interested Ronald Whalan of Liverpool who eventually produced *The Whalans of Australia*. Mrs Whalan lent me her copy of this book. I found it a wonderful story of the family, beginning with the story of Charles Whalan's sentence of transportation to the colonies for seven years, for having trout fishes in his possession. There is a long description of the discovery of Jenolan Caves, written by Alfred Samuel Whalan in 1920. Unfortunately, Alf was at this time nearly seventy years of age, so some of his story, particularly with respect to the Lucas Cave, is inaccurate.

I saw Mrs Janet Bryant (a member of the Society - ed.), who showed me her collection of photographs of Jeremiah Wilson's time at Jenolan. These pictures were apparently used by Havard, and have been copied by Warren Targett. She gave me particulars of Jeremiah's family, and is trying to get me a copy of his death certificate.

In company with guides Ernie Holland and Peter Morris, I traced Wilson's route of discovery of the Jubilee Cave from the Gem of the West, to the Jubilee, Red Cave and Paradise, right through to his last cavern of 1900. These areas I had previously rediscovered during researches into my work on Jenolan history. We found an area which could be the 'Shipwreck Cavern' as described to us by a previous Society speaker. We noted in particular the work of R.I. Bailey, who left his name in remote sections of the Red Cave on March 1st, only eight days after discovery of the area.

BITS AND PIECES

Noel Rawlinson recently acquired some copies of W.L. Havard's paper, *The Romance of Jenolan Caves*, which he resold to members and others at a profit. He told us that he would be donating the profits to the Society.

Occasional papers 1 and 2 have been reprinted following a sell-out of the first run. They are available by post from Assistant Treasurer, Lyn Hawkins, 77 Woodfield Boulevarde, Caringbah 2229. For titles and prices see NEWSLETTER No. 5.

Contributions to this publication may be sent to Ian Sefton, 30 Lower Cliff Ave, Northbridge 2063.

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MAY GENERAL MEETING

The next general meeting will be held on
Saturday 10 May 1975 at 8-30 PM
in Jenolan Caves House.

Our president, Ben Nurse, will speak on

- * The Nomenclature of Bushranger's Cave and Bow Cave.

Members intending to dine at Caves House before the meeting are reminded that advance booking is advisable and that coat and tie should be worn.

COMMITTEE MEETING. The committee will meet in the Jenolan Caves school at 4 PM on 10 May.

* It is hoped that other members who have information or opinions about Bushranger's Cave or Bow Cave will come prepared to contribute to the discussion.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

The constitutional amendments advertised in the January NEWSLETTER were considered at the February general meeting and were adopted with some amendments. The principal change was to alter the proposed title, Honorary Life Member, to Special Honorary Member.

NEW COMMITTEE MEMBER

Committee member Basil Ralston who has moved away from the area submitted his resignation from the committee in February. Basil had been our Assistant Research Officer. The February general meeting elected Sandra Martyn to the vacancy on the committee.

NEW OCCASIONAL PAPER

Ron Newbould's diaries concerning the discovery of Barralong Cave are being prepared for publication as an Occasional Paper and should appear soon.

MUSEUM SUPERVISION

Sandra Martyn has continued her role as principal museum supervisor. She has been to Jenolan most weekends and holidays and reports improved attendances since signs pointing to the museum were installed, with the Manager's permission, by Ernie Holland. The number of visitors during the Easter holidays was encouraging.

Sandra has made a number of suggestions for improving and re-arranging the display which will be considered by the committee at its next meeting. Other members who have suggestions should contact the secretary before the next committee meeting (4PM, 10 May).

Although Sandra has performed her task well and willingly - she says that she enjoys it - it is not really fair to expect her to continue unaided forever. The Society still needs members who are willing to help on a regular basis. Those wishing to offer help, or even just advice, should contact the secretary before the committee meeting. One possibility is that the committee might be asked to set up a permanent subcommittee to run the museum.

CURATORS' REPORT

Member Mr F. Heiron, who has been visiting Jenolan since 1915 is building two cabinets to display our swing lens camera and some panoramic photographs taken with a camera of the same type at Jenolan. He is also preparing an honour roll listing all the guides who have worked at Jenolan.

Due to a heavy tourist season the curators were unable to construct the small limestone wall required on the museum site, but we hope that it will be done shortly. The dry summer weather has meant that the lawn has been struggling so that it will probably have to be reseeded in the autumn.

In response to our appeal, in the January NEWSLETTER, for a pyramid switch board, member John Knight has put us on to the track of one.

CLEANING OF DEVIL'S COACH HOUSE

Due to water shortages at Jenolan the working bee advertised for 8 February did not occur. The next attempt will probably take place when we get some warm weather and some water. John Culley is now in charge of this project.

ASSISTANT RESEARCH OFFICER'S REPORT

February 1975

Basil Ralston

I visited Ronald Whalan, author of the book *The Whalans of Australia*. He is a descendant of Campbell Whalan, so claims he is not biased in the James/Charles controversy. Campbell was their brother.

We had a good discussion. He feels that because of the contour of the land from Ginkin to Jenolan, James would have followed valleys down into McKeown's Valley, and thus through the Coach House and Grand Arch to find McKeown. So he would be first through them, as the family claim, although he would do no more.

He has a photograph, of which we have a copy, and corrected me on our names. There is a man on a horse holding a gun, I think, and Jerry. Reading from right to left, it is Jerry Wilson, the little man with the hat and bow tie is Campbell Whalan, his ancestor. Near him is Fred Whalan. On the horse is Fred Wilson, then the young Wiburd and Edwards (or Edwards and Wiburd?).

I followed the old Six Foot Track from the Explorers' Tree down Nellie's Glen (1884). It drops 600 feet in a quarter mile - they were keen. It is a testing beginning to walking 26 miles to Jenolan Caves. From the bottom I found a couple of miles of level walking, but that is as far as I went.

I asked the Museum of Applied Arts and Sciences about electric torches available to early explorers. They replied that "electric torches were not practical till the First World War, and then were rather bulky".

JANUARY SMOKE CONCERT

About 150 people attended the Smoke Concert in the Grand Arch on Australia Day, January 26. Artists included Warren Targett, Robby Sanderson, "Harmony Pie", Kerry Lewis and a bag-piper called Michael. Other artists who had prior engagements expressed interest and "Harmony Pie" are interested in coming again. Gross takings were \$32, but we don't know the expenses yet.

Because of a total fire ban there was no smoke at this concert. We may be able to warm you up and smoke you out at the next Smoke Concert, tentatively scheduled for the October long weekend.

JCH&PS is now receiving regular notices and newsletters from Bathurst, Lithgow and Mount Victoria Historical Societies. Most of these arrive too late for inclusion of notices in this Newsletter. Local members may be interested to know that the Bathurst District Historical Society meets on the 3rd Thursday of the month in the Nurses Recreation Room of the Bathurst District Hospital.

BROWSINGS

Ure Smith has recently (1974) published a facsimile of volumes 1 and 2 of the *Picturesque Atlas of Australasia* which was originally published in 1888 (Australia's Centenary Year) and edited by Andrew Garran. The facsimile is published in one volume under the title *Australia, The First Hundred Years*.

The book contains a chapter on *Jenolan Caves* with seven pages of text and seven engravings, two of which show Wellington Caves. The description of the caves is written in the rather flowery romantic style of the times.

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Another book of interest to Jenolan buffs is a reprint of the 1900 edition of Charles White's *History of Australian Bushranging*, republished in 1970 by Lloyd O'Neill. Volume 1 of this work contains the traditional story of the 'bushranger' McKewin (sic) and his capture by Charles Whalan and two troopers. The short (2pp) account is illustrated with a drawing of the entrance to "The Bushranger's Cave".

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Which leads us to the subject of next month's talk. This will be based on a recent paper by B.S.Nurse and R.A.Ellis in the *Journal of the Sydney Speleological Society* (19, pp 29-35) for February 1975 : *The Nomenclature of Bushrangers Cave and Bow Cave, Jenolan*.

There is an earlier article on the same subject by JCH&PS Vice President John Dunkley in the *Sydney University Speleological Society Bulletin*, 13, 6, pp71-72, 1973. This paper is called *The Nomenclature of Bushrangers Cave and Diggins Diggins*.

ADVERTISEMENT.

Members of the Sydney University History Department have undertaken a project which they hope will lead to a gazetteer of industrial sites in nineteenth century New South Wales. The first stage has been partly completed as a list of steam flour mills, water power flour mills, windmills and horse mills. The department would be pleased to receive any locally collected information which would assist with either the list of flour mills or with the next stage of the project. Please send any information to Mrs. Sybil Jack, History Department, University of Sydney, NSW 2006. All assistance will be acknowledged.

This issue of the NEWSLETTER was compiled by the secretary, Ian Sefton, 30 Lower Cliff Ave, Northbridge, 2063 from information supplied by John Callaghan, Sandra Heaney, Sandra Martyn and Basil Ralston. Deadline for copy is the first day of January, April, July and October.

Jenolan Caves Historical and Preservation Society



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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The third annual general meeting of the society will be held at 8-30 PM on

Saturday 9 August 1975

in Jenolan Caves House.

- Business.
1. To receive and, if thought fit, adopt the annual reports and statement of accounts.
 2. To elect office bearers and committee for the following year.
 3. General business, including short research reports etc. by members.

Members wishing to dine at Caves House before the meeting are advised to book in advance by contacting the reception desk (phone Jenolan 3).

Nominations.

All nominations must be in writing and should be signed by the proposer, seconder and nominee. Nominations will be received up to the time of the election.

The positions to be filled are patron, president, two vice presidents, secretary, assistant secretary, treasurer, assistant treasurer, membership treasurer, membership secretary, two curators, research officer, representative of the Department of Tourism, seven committee members and three trustees.

The names of the current office bearers are listed in NEWSLETTER no. 5, September 1974.

The 1974 annual general meeting named two of the seven elected committee positions as publicity officer and assistant research officer.

Committee Meeting

The committee will meet at 4-00 PM on 9 August 1975 in the Jenolan Caves school.

Ian Sefton, Hon. Secretary.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscriptions for the year 1 July 1975 to 30 June 1976 are now due. Rates are :

Individual member	\$ 5.00
Family membership	\$ 7.00
Full time student member	\$ 2.00

Please send your subscription to the Membership Secretary, JCH&PS, c/- Guides' Office, Jenolan Caves 2790.

MUSEUM REPORT

Since signs pointing the way to the museum were erected the response has been tremendous. However, as many people are unaware that the old post office is a museum, not a functioning post office, a sign to clarify the situation has been ordered.

Amongst the exhibits, some slides of Barralong Cave, lent by Noel Rawlinson, have proved popular.

As an experiment, Sandra Martyn made some copies of an old photograph of the post office which she offered for sale and donated the proceeds to the society. Since then we have produced a set of seven photographs and six slides. The photographs are popular with visitors.

The curtains have made a difference to the post office museum. It is now necessary to have the lights on throughout the day, but people can no longer peer in through the windows. They have to enter to see the display. With the curtains in place, there is no longer the bright glare, noticed before.

In the seven months to May 1975, the museum was opened on at least 60 days, mainly at weekends. Sandra Martyn has continued to be the principal museum supervisor and is to be congratulated for her enthusiasm. Following improvement in the number of visitors, the committee was able to increase her expense allowance so that she is no longer quite so much out of pocket. Some local members have also assisted with accomodation.

Early in May Mr W.F. Heiron visited Jenolan and, in his spare time, opened the museum.

NEW OCCASIONAL PAPER - BARRALONG CAVE

Occasional Paper no. 3, *The Discovery of the Barralong Cave*, by R.L. Newbould is now available.

Barralong Cave was discovered on 7 June 1964 by John Culley and Ron Newbould. This paper contains Ron's personal diaries describing the initial search, discovery and subsequent exploration of the cave. It is illustrated with 19 photographs and one map. The price is 50 cents from the Treasurer, JCH&PS, c/- Guides' Office, Jenolan Caves 2790. Please add 16 cents to cover postage and packing.

MUSEUM INFORMATION SHEETS

Most museums provide some form of guide book for their visitors. Initially we hope to provide a series of information sheets. So far we have produced only one of these - a note on the Jenolan Caves Post Office.

Any member who could write, or help to write, sheets on McKeown, Jeremiah Wilson or J.C. Wiburd is asked to contact the secretary or a committee member.

RECENT ACQUISITIONS

The board for the roll of guides and the cabinet, made by Mr Heiron and mentioned in the last NEWSLETTER have been delivered and have been handed over to Denis Bramston, who will polish them.

Mrs G. Poneys of Epping has given us a photo-copy of an article on Jenolan, written by her father who was acting Director of Tourism and Immigration. The article was published in the *Mid Pacific Times*. Mrs Poneys also sent some old post cards of Jenolan.

Mrs Kerslake of Lawson has sent a large selection of Jenolan post cards by the photographer Kerry, who was her grandfather.

J. Norris has provided a photograph of the Devil's Coach House and Caves House, taken from the six foot track.

ITEMS FOR SALE

Reprints of Occasional Papers 1 and 2 are selling well, so don't miss out.

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| No. 1 | , Steam Cleaning of Orient Cave, | 50¢ + 29¢ p&p ; |
| No. 2 | , Discovery of Imperial Cave , | 50¢ + 16¢ p&p ; |
| No. 3 | , Discovery of Barralong Cave , | 50¢ + 16¢ p&p . |

We are also selling copies, 13 cm x 10 cm, of some of the more popular photographs in our current display. Subjects are :

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| No. 1 | Bicycle riders at Jenolan, April 17th 1903 ; |
| 3 | Buggy and five at Jenolan, circa 1900 ; |
| 4 | Snow at Jenolan, circa 1900 ; |
| 6 | Caving party about 1900 - Guide Edwards with magnesium lamp; |
| 9 | First dive of right Imperial syphon 1953 ; |
| 10 | Transporting supplies to Jenolan by bullock team, 1900 ; |
| 11 | One of the first cars to visit Jenolan, circa 1900. |

Prices are 40 cents each, post and packing 16 cents per set.

Slides of six of the above (excluding no.6, snow) are also available at 40 cents each (p&p 16¢ per set).

If you would like a copy of the information sheet on Jenolan Caves Post Office, please add 5¢ to your subscription or order for items above and we will send it with your next NEWSLETTER.

Back copies of the NEWSLETTER, except no. 2, are available at 25 cents, post free.

SPEAKERS WANTED

Interesting meetings of the society don't just happen; they have to be organised. We need members who will tell us what they know about the history of the Jenolan Caves area. If you can contribute please let us know. Alternatively you may be able to persuade someone else to speak.

It is not necessary that each talk should be very long. We can have two or three short presentations at one meeting.

BITS AND PIECES

More Photographs

Anyone interested in old photos of Jenolan? You might like to contact Tyrrell's Bookshop, 328 Pacific Highway, Crows Nest (opposite Cole's). They have the Kerry collection, bought in 1932 by James Tyrrell. Charles Kerry was the official photographer for some years at Jenolan. Prints are available at the cost of \$4.50 each. They are 6 in x 8 in. Considering the age of the negatives (which are glass and rather heavy) the prints are beautifully presented and worth their cost.

Visitor

Some weeks ago the museum received a visit from Mrs James Whalan of Cowra. She was deeply interested in the old post office and the work of our society and wishes us the greatest success. She also mentioned that, in the warmer weather to come, she would return with her father in law, who, it seems, is very interested and knows a lot about our past.

Information Required

Sandra Martyn would be grateful for any information regarding the history of the small organ which is in our museum. We think that this is similar to the instrument which used to be played in the Cathedral Cavern of Lucas Cave. Other information required by Sandra includes details of past managers of Caves House, and a list of the names of known caves and details of their discovery. Most of this information exists - we just need people to collect it in digestible form so that museum supervisors can answer questions asked by visitors. Volunteers please.

Here is a list of topics and names to get started on : James and Charles Whalan, George Whiting, Nicholas Irwin, John Lucas, Jeremiah Wilson, S. Wilkinson, Henry Cambridge, Lamont Young, Oliver Trickett, the Webb family (especially the women after whom caves were named), Fred Wilson, E.C. Cracknell, J.C. Wiburd, J. Edwards, R. Bailey, school teachers, post masters and post mistresses. We could use photographs of any of these people.

New Postcode

Please note that the postcode for Jenolan Caves has been changed to 2790.

Contributors to this issue include Sandra Martyn, John Callaghan and Ian Sefton. Edited and printed by the secretary, Ian Sefton, 30 Lower Cliff Ave, Northbridge 2063.

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NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING

The next general meeting of the society will be held at 8-30 PM on

Saturday 8 November 1975

in Jenolan Caves House.

The speaker will be John Dunkley on the topic,

The Jenolan Caves Master Plan .

John Dunkley is a vice president of JCH&PS and was convenor of a group which prepared a submission on the proposed master plan for the Australian Speleological Federation.

Supper will be served at the meeting. Members intending to dine at Caves House before the meeting are advised to book in advance (phone Jenolan Caves 3).

Committee Meeting

The committee will meet in the Jenolan Caves school at 4-00 PM on 8 November.

EXTRACTS FROM THE ANNUAL REPORTS

MUSEUM REPORT

The number of visitors has continued to be large throughout the winter. Between August 1974 and June 1975 we have had just on 3000 visitors. The greater number have come since Easter when the signs were erected.

The sale of Occasional Papers is very good. In fact, since the Barralong paper was introduced in May it has almost overhauled the other two.

The photographs are selling very well, though there are some complaints about their price. Unfortunately the slides are not selling. Since their introduction only 18 have gone, compared with 200 photographs.

A large number of cracks has appeared in the old post office. The rather large crack in the back wall near the roof has widened and the wall near the fireplace has come away. The door is also beginning to cause some alarm; putty along the pane of glass is coming away and there is a large crack in the left panel.

Please turn to page 3.

EXTRACTS FROM THE TREASURER'S REPORT
For the Year ending 30 June 1975

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
MEMBERSHIP		ADMINISTRATION	
Ordinary	180.00	Secretarial expenses	
Family	259.00	Postage	8.58
Student	12.00	Stationery	2.76
	451.00	Newsletter	54.64
SALES		Other publications	4.65
Occasional papers	411.50		70.63
Newsletters	5.00	Treasurer's expenses	
Badges	27.00	Postage	1.78
Slides	20.20	Telephone	.60
Postcards	52.30		2.38
Photographs	3.00	Cheque book	4.00
Souvenir envelopes	194.40		77.01
	713.40	MUSEUM	
ADMISSIONS		Official Opening	
Museum	295.53	Invitations	31.90
Smoke Concerts	67.73	Postage	11.69
	363.26	Plaque	69.15
DONATIONS			112.74
Beavis slide show	5.00	Display	
R. & J. Bonyng	38.00	Materials	103.91
N. Rawlinson	33.01	Reproduction.	150.35
J. & S. Windeyer	5.00		254.26
Sundry	37.75	Equipment	
	121.76	Radiator	6.50
BANK INTEREST	21.84	Curtains	30.00
			36.50
MISCELLANEOUS		Attendant's expenses	411.00
Provision for postage	5.14		814.50
	5.14	PUBLICITY	
		Signs	132.05
		FUNCTIONS	
		Smoke Concerts	
		Posters	18.92
		Programmes	24.27
			43.19
		SUBSCRIPTIONS	
		R.A.H.S.	12.50
		REVENUE PRODUCING ITEMS	
		Occasional papers	
		Paper	78.80
		Printing	71.58
			150.38
		Slides	246.21
		Postcards	239.50
		Souvenir envelopes	
		Envelopes	31.70
		Stamps	70.00
			101.70
			737.79
TOTAL INCOME	<u>1676.40</u>	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	<u>1817.04</u>
BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD	690.89	BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD	550.25
	<u>2367.29</u>		<u>2367.29</u>

CURATORS' REPORT

This year we have received a large number of historical items which have been mentioned in other reports throughout the year. Since our last meeting in May we have received a donations box from Mr Heiron.

The lower jaw of a thylacene (Tasmanian tiger or wolf) was found in the Imperial Cave during redevelopment of the track. This, together with other animal bones, has been put aside and will be displayed in a limestone cabinet which is being constructed opposite the sink in the Imperial Cave. The work is being carried out by the Department of Tourism.

We have had a number of problems with storage of the items collected. Mr Culley has two suit cases of photographs and papers and I have a large number of items at my home. All the items which were in the Guides' Office haven't been taken to the old post office. It has been suggested a number of times that a fire-proof cabinet should be purchased. This could be placed in the Guides' Office. We feel that because of the lack of storage we should not receive any more items until a satisfactory system of storage has been arranged. (Since this was written, the President has informed us that a steel cabinet has been purchased.)

The cabinets and honour roll which Mr Heiron presented to the Society are still in the hands of Mr Bramston. He is still waiting on polishing materials to finish the items before they can be displayed.

The wall which was to be constructed on the far side of the old post office will be done when daylight saving starts again.

Our most recent acquisition is a pyramid switch board, obtained for us by Mr H.J. Peters of Rose Bay.

Extracted from the annual report prepared by J.P. Callaghan.

MUSEUM REPORT - continued from page 1 .

I would like to draw attention to the fact that I may not be able to continue to run the museum full time, and would like to hear from any other members who might like to spend an enjoyable weekend at least once a month, looking after our museum.

I desperately need more information about Jeremiah Wilson, J.C. Wiburd and any other people who have worked in the area - guides, postmasters, managers of Caves House etc. . We need this information to produce some more information sheets, similar to the existing one on the old post office. These sheets could be an additional source of revenue, besides being of great interest to visitors.

The committee has decided to order 100 each of the most popular photographs - Snow, Bullocks, Buggies, Car and Bikes.

Concluded on page 4.

MUSEUM REPORT - from page 3 .

Several very interesting visitors have called in at the old post office. Most of these have been reported in the Newsletters. The one visitor I will mention here was a Mrs Whalan, who is deeply interested in our museum, and has promised to return in the warmer weather with her father-in-law who has a great deal of knowledge about Jenolan's early history.

I wish to thank all those who have helped me in the old post office, especially Jeanette Dunkley, Sandra Heaney and Mr Heiron.

Extracted from the annual report prepared by Sandra Martyn

OFFICE BEARERS 1975-76

Patron :	Ald. H.G.Coates, MLA
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Research Officer :	R.L. Newbould
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Trustees	R.M. Stacey (assistant research officer) D. Bryant W.F. Heiron B.S. Nurse

ADDRESSES

The Society's official address, where you can also contact the treasurer and the membership secretary is

c/- Post Office, Jenolan Caves N.S.W. 2790.

Secretary : 60 Lenthall St, Kensington 2033.

Assistant Treasurer : 46 Alkaringa Rd, Miranda 2228 .

Newsletter : see below.

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SMOKE CONCERT

Smoke concerts are now an established part of the society's activities. They are a revival of an old Jenolan tradition of providing one's own entertainment.

The next smoke concert will be held in the Grand Arch at Jenolan Caves at 8-30 PM on

Sunday 25 January 1976 .

Do come, and bring your family, friends and relations.

Organiser Ron Newbould

FEBRUARY MEETING

The next general meeting will be held at 8-30 PM in Jenolan Caves House on

Saturday 14 February 1976 .

Speakers will be Elaine Holland, Ernie Holland and Keith Oliver on the topic

McKeon, Methodism and early Associations of Jenolan.

The presentation will be illustrated with slides.

Supper will be served at the meeting. Members and friends wishing to dine at Caves House beforehand should book in advance by telephoning Jenolan Caves 3.

Committee Meeting. The committee will meet at 4-00 PM on 14 February in the Jenolan Caves school.

DEVIL'S COACH HOUSE CLEANING

The next effort at cleaning paint from the walls of the Devil's Coach House will occur on Saturday 14 February, the day of the next meeting. Bring your old clothes, scrubbing brushes etc. and be prepared to get wet. If you will be participating kindly contact John Culley at the Guides' Office before going up to Jenolan.

MONEY RAISING

If you would like to win a hand-made wooden slide box, made and donated by member Mr W.F. Heiron, buy a few tickets in our competition. Better still get a book of 50 tickets and flog them to your friends and uncles. Tickets are 20 cents each from Dick Guy at the Guides' Office, Jenolan Caves 2790. The draw will take place at the Smoke Concert on 25 January.

MUSEUM REPORT

November 1975

No further widening of the cracks in the walls of the old post office has been noticed. The door has been patched up by Dave Rodgers, who replaced the putty round several of the glass panes. There has been an increase recently in the number of resident spiders. I would appreciate any offers of eviction.

The occasional papers are selling very well, no. 3 especially so. No. 1 (Steam Cleaning) has almost sold out, only 45 remaining in stock.

Slides are moving very slowly. The initial stock was 728. We have now sold 21. This was discussed at the committee meeting and it was decided to sell them at 25 cents each or \$1.50 the set. These slides are very clear and sharp when projected on a screen.

The postcards are still selling well. We recently received further supplies of some of the subjects. Two of these photos were slow starters but lately they have picked up; these are the divers and the Edwards party. The other five subjects have maintained a steady rate of sale. The committee has decided to have two more subjects added to the postcard range - these will be *The First Caves House* and *The Punt in the River Cave*.

Early in October we added some photos from the Department of Mines archives to the museum display. These have already proved popular with our visitors, the favourites being *The Skeleton* and *The Punt and Boat on the River Styx*. Those of *Caves House* and the *Lucas Cave Exhibition Chamber* are close seconds. Copies of these and other new photos are available on order at the museum. The copies will be the same size, 10 in x 8 in and cost \$3. Orders will be filled once each month, then forwarded to buyers.

The sales of envelopes have dropped slightly in the last few weeks. This is only partly due to the slightly lower number of visitors. I feel that the major contributing factor is the stamp itself. The current souvenir envelope has the blue star sapphire stamp on it. This stamp has been out for some time and is not as colourful as some previous stamps.

Now on display is the pyramid switch-board recently acquired. A great many visitors comment on it, the most frequently asked question being "what is its age and history ? "

A recent visitor brought up the subject of the Jenolan postmark - design, length of service, etc.. I would appreciate any help in answering these queries.

Thanks to Tom Freilly who manned the post office, especially during the week. Thanks also to Ernie and Elaine Holland who, for some weeks, lent me their caravan during the weekends.

Sandra Martyn

SHORT ITEMS**RESEARCH**

Keith Oliver has been helping Elaine Holland in the research into old gravestones. Research officer, Ron Newbould, needs to be informed of all research projects undertaken by members. We would like to publish a list in this NEWSLETTER.

MEETING DATES

Meetings will be held this year on 14 February, 8 May, 14 August (A.G.M.), and 13 November. All general meetings are held in Jenolan Caves House and start at 8-30 PM. Please mark these dates in your diary and consider that notice has been given.

BADGES

A further consignment of Society lapel badges has arrived at last (we ordered them in April). They may be obtained from the treasurer, Richard Guy, c/- Guides' Office, Jenolan Caves 2790 for \$1.00 each. Please add 18c for postage.

OCCASIONAL PAPERS

Supplies of Occasional Paper No.1, *Steam Cleaning of the Orient Cave*, have sold out for the second time. Since the stencils are now worn out we have ordered a new edition which should be available very soon. Papers 2 and 3 are still available so, if you collect first editions, don't delay too much longer. The price is 50 cents each (plus postage please) from the treasurer (address above).

INFORMATION SHEETS

The society is hoping to produce a series of historical information hand-outs for the museum. Sandra Martyn has already appealed for volunteers to write these and while she was waiting for replies she wrote one herself. This is reproduced on page 4 for your information and inspiration. Now it's your turn.

CURATORS' REPORT

At the last committee meeting the curators reported that we have now acquired a steel cabinet for the storage of relics and documents. The stone wall near the museum should be finished before the next meeting. Approval to floodlight the front of the old post office has been granted and we have the fittings but nobody to install them.

UNFINANCIAL MEMBERS

In future we will be publishing a list of the names of unfinancial members in this NEWSLETTER. Please check to see that your subscription is up to date - we cannot afford to keep sending this NEWSLETTER to people who do not contribute to its cost.

JENOLAN CAVES HOUSES

Before the building of any guest house early visitors to the caves made good use of the Grand Arch. Its far reaches were used for accommodation for almost forty years. Gentlemen retired to the northern side and ladies to the south.

In 1869 a raised dancing platform was erected in the Arch. Dances were held by firelight, flickering candles and lantern light. Music was provided by accordion, fiddles and even a brass band which came from Bathurst. At midnight the Keeper of the Caves, Jeremiah Wilson, would end revelries by cracking his stockwhip. It was found that by tying a canvas from the side of the dance floor a rough tent could be formed. This procedure was often carried out by the more timid visitors.

The first Caves House was erected in 1880 by Jeremiah Wilson. Made of wood with an iron roof, it measured 14 feet wide and 40 feet long. It had a small verandah and five bedrooms. The kitchen and dining room were separate from the main building, as was the caretaker's cottage. Additions to the building were made over the next few years.

In November 1887 a large two-storied wooden building with wide verandahs was erected. This made it possible to accommodate some thirty persons.

Shortly after midnight on 14th March 1895 fire destroyed the old building, including the first and second class dining rooms, sitting and billiards rooms, 12 bedrooms, kitchen and pantry. All the household effects were lost. The new building was saved after two hours of exertion.

On 4th July 1896 two acres of land were dedicated for an accommodation house. Believed to be the first building erected from native limestone, the northern wing of the present Caves House was completed early in 1898. It was designed by the Government Architect, in a modified Queen Anne style, and was built on the site of the first house.

In 1907 a contractor removed the remaining wooden building and erected the present two-storied building. Completed in 1909, it is very inviting with its red gabled roof and long verandah. Its ground floor walls are built of squared rubble masonry and the upper walls are of rough cast brick.

A new addition, in modified Elizabethan style, was commenced in 1914 and was completed two years later. Its ground floor walls are of stone, the first and second floors are rough-cast concrete, and the third floor walls are asbestos cement panels with wooden frames.

Sandra Martyn

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NEXT MEETING

The next general meeting of the society will be held in Jenolan Caves House at 8-30 PM on

Saturday 8 May 1976 .

Speaker

Noel Rawlinson will talk about

John Lucas, Conservationist or Vandal ?

Supper will be served at the meeting.

Business

In addition to the usual business an election for the vacant position of assistant treasurer will be held. Nominations will be accepted up to the time of the election.

Committee Meeting

The committee will meet at 4-00 PM on Saturday 8 May in the Jenolan Caves School.

MUSEUM MINDING

Volunteers are needed urgently for staffing the society's museum. If you can spare one day a month, or every two months, please contact the secretary,

Graham Morrison,
60 Lenthall St, Kensington 2033,
phone 663 1445 .

Hours of attendance are approximately 1 PM to 4 PM. The society is prepared to reimburse expenses incurred up to \$9.00 per day.

The future of the society depends very much on our ability to keep this museum open. So far this has been achieved largely through the dedication and enthusiasm of one member. Other members put a great deal of effort into the re-erection of the old post office and the mounting of displays (we are now showing our second display) and we have also received generous assistance from the Department of Tourism. Is all this effort to be wasted because the membership at large becomes apathetic after the initial success and excitement ?

RESEARCH REPORT

February 1976

Since the last meeting in November several members have been very helpful and we have been able to co-operate as a team.

On 21 December information was gained from Jenolan visitors that a Mrs Phil Edwards of Westmead is a daughter of Mr Forster who was a guide at Jenolan, apparently in the 1920's.

Another visitor to Jenolan was Mr D.J. Harrison of Armidale, a grandson of Isabella Whalan who is descended from James Whalan's side of the family.

The research officer has also spoken with a young lady who is a direct descendant of Samuel Cook.

Miss I. Jefferson of Castle Hill replied to our call for information and has donated some old photographs. Another contact from Castle Hill, Ethie L. Young, who is 89, has provided some information about her mother, Sarah Parsons, who visited Jenolan as a child in 1862. Her note is printed elsewhere in this issue. Ron Newbould is corresponding further with these two ladies and is also following a lead to the Luxton family, who were associated with the Lucas Cave in about 1870.

Ron also has a new lead on the capture of James McKeown in 1838. A person named Reid, 13 to 15 years old, is supposed to have been present at the capture.

Names and addresses of people who claim to have any link with Jenolan, and their part in our history, are being recorded.

Extracted from a report by *Ron Newbould*

As mentioned in the research report, Sarah Elizabeth Parsons, visited Jenolan in 1862, and it is claimed that her name was carved over the entrance to the Devil's Coach House. A recent search has failed to reveal this inscription. Here is Ethie Young's account.

In the year 1854 Sarah Elizabeth Parsons was born at Yetholme, that being the year after the Convicts finished the Bathurst Rd. When a small child she remembered travelers passing through on their way to Bathurst talking about the wonderful caves they had seen. Then in the year 1862 when she was eight years old, her parents decided to form a party and see the caves themselves.

Traveling in Bugies and Sulkies they cut down saplings to tie behind the Buggies to act as brakes to help them down the steep incline. [When] they arrived at the caves, Jeremiah Wilson [who] was then living at the Caves in a very [primitive] fashion, took them through the caves that had been explored at that time. To go through the caves they used the reins and bridles tied together then around their waists in case of an accident ; they used the lamps placing one on a ledge and carried the other to light the way.

They had many funny things happen such as one of the party emptying a small cask of water they had brought with them [only] to find water was not wanted as there was plenty of water. So he filled the cask with rocks and dropped it into the under ground river, then waited to hear how long it would fall into the water below ; it took so long they thought it would never splash and let them know it had hit the water.

Before they left the caves, as Sarah Elizabeth was the first child to enter the caves, they carved her name above the entrance to the Caves. [A covering letter makes it clear that this inscription was carved over the Devil's Coach House - Ed.]

CURATORS' REPORT

This quarter the Curators position has been an easy one except for the weather. On our days off we have had bad weather in most instances and have been unable to build the rock wall near the old post office.

Members will be pleased to know that the "Bone Case" in the Imperial Cave has been completed and we are now waiting on a plastic mixture to set the bones in before they can be properly displayed. E. Holland is obtaining this mixture from the Australian Museum in Sydney.

The crystal collection in the foyer of Caves House, which was prepared by E. Holland, is causing a lot of interest by visitors. As time permits there will be more specimens of crystal added to the collection.

We have now received the accession forms on which we will record details of what the society owns and what is on loan. Since we have numbers of suit cases of items and photographs this will take a while.

We have received a tea leaf spoon, with *Jenolan Caves* stamped on it, from Mrs Norma Berriman of Lithgow.

Mrs Van Der Held of Hazelbrook has reproduced several copies from an old photograph of a thylacene. This photograph will be used in the bone case.

February 1976

J.P. Callaghan

BADGES

Society lapel badges are available again from the treasurer, Rv F. Guy, c/- Guides' Office, Jenolan Caves 2790. The price is \$1.00 plus postage.

MUSEUM REPORT

The old post office was manned on 27 days, from Boxing Day until the January Long Weekend. Each day there were approximately 100 visitors. Tom Fiebig, May Ebbutson and Sandra Heaney have been the helpers manning the post office, mainly during the week.

The new information sheet on Caves House is proving very popular. We need more such sheets but patient research must be thoroughly gone into each subject before printing.

The slide box raffle drawn at the Smoke Concert was won by John Wells from Lithgow. Although the winning ticket was sold during the evening the prize was not collected, and the winner could not be found subsequently. The committee decided to hold a new competition for the slide box at a later date. Thanks to all those who helped to sell tickets - it was greatly appreciated. Although we had only five weeks to sell them the overall profit to the society was \$63.00. Thanks also to Mr Heiron who made and donated the slide box as well as a photo display board for the museum.

A few weeks ago we received a visit from Mr E. Tabrett of Katoomba. His family had the government contract for transport to Jenolan, from horses and carriages to cars, taxis and buses. He is interested in the society and will help with any information possible.

More details are needed on subjects relating to Jenolan history. Questions asked by visitors to the museum are very comprehensive. [This is an invitation to members to help produce them - ed.]

Souvenir envelopes and postcards have been selling well. During the Christmas holidays the slides sold quite well but they have since dropped off.

We are planning two new subjects in the post card series the raft in the River Cave and the Skeleton. There will also be a fourth occasional paper on the Binoomea Cut, which is now being prepared.

February 1976

Sandra Martyn

SMOKE CONCERTS - REPORT

The October '75 and January '76 concerts were both extremely enjoyable nights - if not profit making.

It was decided to omit programmes for the January concert due to high printing costs with little return from sales. The hat was passed around with reasonable success and it is felt that if we organise more collectors we should reap more benefit.

*R.L. Newbould
S. Heaney*

MEMBERSHIP

At the February meeting the membership secretary, Mrs H. Culley, reported that 43 members were still unfinancial for the year 1975-76. Although this situation has since improved through the invoicing of unfinancial members by the hard-working treasurer, Richard Guy, it is not good. Furthermore, there is a substantial number of members, since removed from the mailing list, who have not yet paid up for 1974-75. The committee has directed that the names of these lapsed members be published, in the hope that if they are friends of yours, you might persuade them to rejoin. Here they are :-

J.E. & T.J. Aitchison	Belinda Millner
Mrs P.E. Anderson	Allan Moffat
James Barlow	G. Morris
Mr & Mrs C. Bell	Harry & Edna Pemble
Mr & Mrs I.M. Breckenridge	Paul G. Quinn
Mr Brister	I.D. Ross
E.G. & J.E. Brook	Don Roy
J.B. Chambers & family	Robert J. Sanderson
Ross Ellis	J.K. Shaw
Janice M. Hadfield	Margaret M. Smith
N.L. Harsant	Dr John Sutton
Gail Hiddins	Valerie Trollope
Mr & Mrs T.A. Hulsinga	Anthony Wakelen
Ken Keck	A.F. Watson
H.J. Little	Keith Watson
Yvonne M. Lyell	Martin B. Weatherhead
S. McMullen	D.A. Wiburd
I.S. Menzies	Murray Wilcox

If you are one of the people who is not yet financial for the current year (not listed above) please note that this is your last NEWSLETTER. The society cannot afford to spend money on people who do not contribute to its coffers.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

And now a message to all our supporters who do contribute. A new financial year starts on 1 July, before you get the next NEWSLETTER. Could we have your subscription by then please? Rates are

Single membership	\$5.00
Family membership	\$7.00
Full time student	\$2.00

Send it to the treasurer, Richard Guy, c/- Guides' Office, Jenolan Caves 2790, please.

Assistant Treasurer

Lyn Hawkins has resigned from this position. We need a replacement to carry on the good work. The election will be held at the next meeting.

OCCASIONAL PAPERS

The first edition of Ron Newbould's popular paper on Steam Cleaning of Orient Cave has sold out after a second printing. A second edition, printed commercially in the same style as paper no. 3, The Discovery of the Barralong Cave, is now available. The price is still 50 cents (plus postage please)-available from the treasurer.

The society has a fair investment in these papers and it would be nice to see them disappear quickly so that we can produce more titles. If every member were to make a complete collection that would help a lot. Remember that no. 2, The Discovery of the Imperial Cave, and no. 3 are still available.

The society is indebted to vice president Bill Clegg for arranging these new printings.

BITS AND PIECES

Cleaning of Devil's Coach House

Several members and friends attacked the paint on the walls of the Devil's Coach House again on 14 February. The use of a high pressure water jet and detergent seems to be more efficient than the old scrubbing brush method. Ladders and rock climbing equipment were used to get at the painted walls. Anybody interested in continuing this work should discuss it with John Culley at the Guides' Office.

New Museum

One of our ambitions is to have a modern museum building to house and display our growing collections properly. This is going to require a lot of money which we will have to find ourselves. The committee has been considering ways of raising this money and one idea currently under investigation is the holding of an art union. This will require certain changes to our constitution before we can get permission.

Gravestones

At the February meeting Ernie and Elaine Holland, assisted by Keith Oliver, gave an illustrated talk on their researches into old gravestones in the area. We hope to report further on this work in a future issue - perhaps in an occasional paper also.

Postmaster

Mr Tom Fiebig became postmaster at Jenolan on 1 March, the first postmaster since 1914. In recent years we have had postmistresses. What happened to International Women's Year ?

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The annual general meeting of the Society will be held in Jenolan Caves House at 8-30 PM on

Saturday 14 August 1976.

- Business.
1. To receive and adopt the annual reports and statement of accounts.
 2. To elect office bearers and committee for the following year.
 3. General business.
 4. Discussion on criteria for assessing the historical significance of caves. See paper on page 4 of this issue.

Members wishing to dine at Caves House before the meeting are advised to book by contacting the reception desk (phone Jenolan 3).

Nominations

All nominations for elected positions must be in writing and should be signed by the proposer, seconder and nominee. Nominations will be received up to the time of the election.

The positions to be filled are patron, president, two vice presidents, secretary, assistant secretary, treasurer, assistant treasurer, membership secretary, two curators, research officer, representative of the Dept of Tourism, seven committee members and three trustees. In the past the meeting resolved that certain committee members should fulfill special functions, e.g. museum supervisor, publicity officer, assistant research officer. The names of the current office bearers were published in NEWSLETTER No. 9, October 1975.

Committee Meeting

The committee will meet at 4-00 PM on 14 August 1976 in the Jenolan Caves school.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Your subscription for the year 1976-77 is now due.

The amount owing is shown in the box .

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(\$5 ordinary, \$7 family,
\$2 student)

Please remit without delay (and save our invoicing costs)
to The Membership Secretary, JCH&PS,
c/- Post Office, Jenolan Caves 2790 .

SMOKE CONCERT

There will be another of our traditional Smoke Concerts on the Sunday of the October Long Weekend, October 3, starting at 8-30 PM. That's before the next NEWSLETTER so mark it in your diary now and organise a party of your friends. These concerts provide a high standard of entertainment and are popular with young and old alike. Donations received at the concerts all go to help the society's work.

We still have a fine hand-made slide box to be won in our raffle which will be drawn at the Smoke Concert. Books of tickets are available now; can you sell some? If so please contact Dick Guy or Sandra Martyn.

MUSEUM

(May Report)

The museum was closed most weekends between February and May because our chief supervisor, Sandra Martyn, was ill. It was opened occasionally during the week by Sandra Heaney and May Ebbertson. Sandra Martyn has been getting in touch with people who expressed interest in minding the museum but we still need new volunteers. How about you ?

Stocks of the Barralon paper were low but more were expected from the printer. Only 40 copies of the Imperial Cave paper were left. We also have a limited supply of a paper, *Master Plan for the Development of Jenolan Caves*, published by the Australian Speleological Federation at \$2.00 each.

Souvenir envelopes are still popular and the historical photographs are selling slowly but surely. Three new subjects have been ordered, and will bring the set up to ten. These photographs sell for 40cents each.

A new supply of Society lapel badges has arrived and are available from the museum, the curators or the treasurer.

From a report by Sandra Martyn

RESEARCH AND ACQUISITIONS May 1976

Several weeks ago a gentleman gave JCH&PS a postcard depicting a scene "Hauling Cedar". It was a Kerry production and belonged to Mrs Gwen Orford of Carringbah. The card was dated 21/12/1905 and written on it were the words: " I am home for the holidays. We get five weeks at present. We are having very hot weather. Roy C. Wiburd."

Mr W. Heiron, our trustee, handed some material, belonging to the late Bruce Dunlop, to me on 6 May 1976. This was greatly appreciated and I have briefly scanned through the photographs and odd notes that make up the parcel. Once the material has been acknowledged I would like to go through it to gather any information that may be of assistance to our own research and then pass it on to our curators. (continued on page 3)

CURATORS' REPORT

May 1976

This three month period has been fairly quiet, but not altogether unproductive.

The grass around the old post office has been kept mown and the spider webs have been swept down outside. I have inspected the exhibits and found them in good order.

The bone display in the Imperial continues to create interest and has been added to since the last meeting. Likewise, the rock display in the Caves House foyer has been added to. This exhibit is of great interest to rock collectors.

The removal of the paint in the Devil's Coach House has been fairly successful, but still requires about two days' work. I would like to thank the members of JCH&PS who took part in this work.

The latest items to come to hand are a collection of photographs and notes belonging to the late B.T. Dunlop. As yet I have not had time to inspect this material, but I shall do so in the near future.

Mr Heiron has once again offered to make wooden frames for various exhibits.

When my co-curator, John Callaghan, returns from annual leave in June we shall commence recording the society's collection on the forms provided by the society.

J. Culley

RESEARCH AND ACQUISITIONS

(continued from page 2)

On 7 May I spoke to Mrs K. Robey, eldest daughter of W.L. Havard who was noted for his publication *The Romance of Jenolan Caves*. Mrs Robey showed great interest in the Blue Mountains district, including Jenolan Caves, and intends to make strong representation to the rest of her family on the matter regarding usage of material extracted from Havard's works. The family still have a lot of Havard's research material.

Mr Allan Kneeves, who is a friend of the Newbould family, donated sixteen 10" x 8" photographs of the early 1900's, taken mainly at the old Hartley Court House.

During my travels whilst on annual leave in February Mr Warren Targett gave to me for JCH&PS a book, *Sands Directory 1921*.

Extracted from a report by Ron Newbould.

ASSESSING THE HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE OF CAVES

Ian Sefton

Ann Sefton

INTRODUCTION AND GENERAL CRITERIA

Historical significance implies associations with people, including famous or notorious individuals, social or political groups (e.g. the conservation movement) and large numbers of people seeking recreation or adventure.

Historically significant caves may include those which interest, or have interested, historians, geographers and other writers.

Many cave areas have also been the subject of intense interest by the public since their discovery in the early years of the colonies. Parties of visitors often made arduous journeys to visit remote caves. Newspapers, from the 1830's onwards, contain numerous accounts of these adventures and popular geographical works¹ have included lengthy descriptions of popular caves. Around the turn of the century guide books² to popular cave areas appeared.

It can be argued, therefore, that visiting caves is a significant social activity and that the principal cave tourist areas have a significant place in our social history. Jenolan can be considered to be the archetype of such areas. Much of its history is well documented³ and it has been written about by many authors. For many years it has supported a small unique community which has a strong sense of its own history.

Many contemporary tourists display great interest, not only in the natural beauty of caves themselves, but also in the history of their discovery and development and in the lives and work of their discoverers and explorers. We would guess that for many people their appreciation of the significance of any part of the National Estate is greatly enhanced by historical associations.

SPECIFIC CRITERIA

1. Priority

One test of historical significance is priority (e.g. the first man on the moon). A cave area or any single cave within an area may be considered significant for similar reasons, for example :-

- (1) the first cave discovered by European settlers,
- (2) the first cave protected by an act of parliament,
- (3) the first tourist cave,
- (4) the cave in which paths, steps, etc. were first built,

- (5) the first cave to be lit by electricity,
- (6) the first cave associated with some other significant improvement (e.g. self-guided tours, steam cleaning),
- (7) the site of the first discovery of particular bones or fossils.

2. Uniqueness

Other caves may be significant because of some special or unique use, for example :-

- (1) a cave which is used, or could be used, as a museum,
- (2) a cave used as a church, dance hall, storage or shelter,
- (3) a cave used by a notable historical figure, e.g. a bushranger, an explorer or a settler.

3. Other Criteria

A cave may be seen to have some historical significance for some of the following reasons.

- (1) It was used as an aboriginal shelter and contains artefacts, paintings or other evidence of occupation.
- (2) It has been written about by a significant author or by many authors.
- (3) It has been painted or drawn by a significant artist.
- (4) It has been the subject of an historically significant dispute, e.g. over mining, conservation or development.

A cave may have historical significance without necessarily being worthy of preservation on other grounds. For example, some caves which have been partially destroyed through the activities of visitors may, nevertheless, be significant illustrations of man's past use of caves.

REGISTRATION

In compiling a register of the National Estate it may be preferable to list groups of caves, or cave areas, rather than scattered individual caves, especially if the number of registered places is to be limited. This argument applies particularly to places like Jenolan which is not merely a collection of caves, but a distinct community. The physical evidence of its history is to be found in its buildings as well as in its caves.

CONCLUSIONS

We feel that there can be no doubt of the significance of any area which is considered to be historically important by large numbers of people. For example, one cave area in Australia, Jenolan, already supports an active local historical society whose members are keen to preserve documentary and physical evidence of man's use of the caves. We regard this, in itself, as an indicator of historical significance.

We recognise that the perception of significance can be largely subjective; people assess significance in terms of their own interests and enthusiasms. However, the criteria we have suggested provide some possible guidelines for assessing whether or not a cave is historically significant.

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 3. See, e.g., W.L. Havard, *The Romance of Jenolan Caves*, Journal, Royal Australian Historical Society, vol XX, 1934.
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The discussion paper printed above was prepared for the Australian Speleological Federation as part of a study on the development of criteria for assessing the significance of caves which might be included in a register of the National Estate, to be compiled by the Australian Heritage Commission.

The authors hope that members of JCH&PS will also contribute to the discussion on this problem.

The honorary director of the ASF study is Ebery Hamilton Smith. The address is

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NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING

The next general meeting will be held in Jenolan Caves House at 8-30 PM on

Saturday 13 November 1976.

Members with research work in progress or with hobby horses to ride are invited to give progress reports. The society also needs to clarify its attitudes to the Jenolan Caves Master Plan and to plans for the National Estate.

Another important issue is how we are to raise money to build a proper museum.

This meeting is your chance to participate - don't leave it all to the heavies on the committee.

Supper is served at meetings. If you wish to have dinner in Caves House before the meeting it is a good idea to book in advance (phone Jenolan Caves 3).

Committee Meeting

The committee will meet in the Jenolan Caves School at 4 PM on Saturday 13 November.

SMOKE CONCERT

The Smoke Concert held last October long weekend was a financial success but suffered from a lack of entertainers and the unruly behaviour of a minority of visitors.

Steak sandwiches were on sale resulting in a net profit of \$64.71. The Society's thanks go to chef Rawlinson as well as helpers Bill Buckley and Ernie Holland.

The raffle of the slide case was won by Michael Derkenne. The raffle raised \$45.60 and another \$35.59 was found in the hat.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Treasurer Dick Guy reports a good response to the advice in the last NEWSLETTER, but there are still some members who have not yet coughed up. Please check and write cheque if necessary.

RESEARCH OFFICER'S REPORT 1975-76

During the twelve months that I have been the research officer for this society, I feel some gains have been made.

I inherited many problems that have been prevalent with this society since it was formed several years ago. I have endeavoured to sort out many of the problems, and many of the problems have begun to sort themselves, as I believe time will tell.

A number of people have come forward with specific information that is beneficial to our society. A tremendous amount of follow-up work is now needed.

It is interesting to note that major identities of Jenolan Caves' earlier years have been linked up with during 1975-76. It was some time ago that one of our inaugural members had an interview with the family of Mr Oliver Trickett. This information is yet to be brought forward for further research. Mrs K. Robey, daughter of eminent Jenolan historian Mr Ward L. Havard, has been in contact with JCH&PS and intended to become a member of the society. Mrs Dunlop had sent a parcel which contains various papers and notes that pertain to Jenolan.

Some people have sought information from the society regarding tracing their own family histories. These enquiries are beneficial to the society in so much as they draw attention to specific areas of Jenolan history that otherwise could have been overlooked for some time. A recent example is Mrs J. Webster's belief that her paternal grandparents, named Kennedy, were keepers of the Jenolan accommodation house prior to Government's taking control. Another example is Mrs Sharp of Oberon who believes she could be a descendant of the Wilson family. She has, as recently as 11th August 1976, given to me, on behalf of our society, a stereoscopic viewer and 48 stereoscopic views of Jenolan Caves area, taken by the photographer Mr J. Rowe. I presume the photographs were taken in the 1880's or thereabouts.

At the present I am in the process of listing all contacts that have been made with Jenolan over the recent years. This listing incorporates names, addresses and whatever historical link the person may have with Jenolan.

My future intentions were to compile a year by year account of the Jenolan histories where possible. I look forward to the ensuing year's bearing us results for our continued efforts even though some years are complete blanks.

At this stage I would like to suggest that from time to time, if it were possible, we produce a history sheet of Jenolan that could be published and distributed to our members.

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OCCASIONAL PAPERS

Occasional paper 2, Noel Rawlinson's account of the discovery of Imperial Cave, is being reprinted in a new edition by Bill Clegg and should be available soon.

Ian Driscoll's paper on the Binoomea cut will be the next paper to be published. We have had trouble finding suitable illustrations for this paper but Ben Nurse informs us that he now has some.

Please note that all mail orders for publications should now be sent to the Assistant Treasurer, Phil Maguire, at
58 Eastern Ave,
Kingsford 2032.

Occasional papers are 50 cents each plus postage and packing (20¢).

JOHN LUCAS

Noel Rawlinson has had his paper on John Lucas printed privately and is offering copies at \$1.00 each. Please note that this is not an official society publication, so orders and enquiries should be sent direct to Noel, c/- Guides' Office, Jenolan Caves 2790.

MUSEUM MINDERS WANTED

Do remember that we run a small museum in the old post office building and that it doesn't look after itself. Members are still needed to open the museum, particularly at weekends and in school holidays.

The society is prepared to reimburse expenses for travelling to Jenolan, up to \$9 per day.

Volunteers should contact our museum supervisor, Ernie Holland, at Jenolan. A form, for your convenience, is included with this NEWSLETTER. Sydney enquiries to the Secretary, Graham Morrison on phone 41 7741.

RESEARCH OFFICER'S REPORT - from page 2.

I invite members to come forward with any information whatsoever which they feel could be of value or interest to this society and the piecing together of our heritage.

R. Newbould 14/8/76

MUSEUM REPORT

The museum was opened on 110 days during the year ended 30 June 1976. The number of visitors was less than that expected, especially over the last few months. After adjusting revenue to allow for the cost of saleable items and deducting attendants' expenses the net surplus was \$146.18. Revenue was less than attendants' expenses on 34 days. Expenses were donated back to the society, either fully or in part, on seven occasions.

Since May we have had three new operators at the museum. All report having a great time once the newness had worn off. Four other people have expressed an interest in giving it a go. Their chance is rapidly approaching. Our main problem lies in the making of definite arrangements; most people are unable to make long-term appointments. Looking after the museum must be planned ahead and this can sometimes be difficult to do.

Our recent active members have been Bill Buckley and his young son, Richard Stacey and Peter Wellings. During the week Sandra Heaney and May Ebberton have occasionally opened the museum. My thanks and appreciation of their help go to all these members.

Visitors comments remain the same as previously mentioned; among them are :

steps down from the road at the side of the P.O.,
display of the plans for the new building,
further information sheets,
more occasional papers,
more photographs for sale.

The majority of visitors are extremely interested in the history of Jenolan and the most popular photos are still the skeleton, boats in the River Cave and those showing caving parties.

A recent suggestion which, if implemented, should prove successful is to hand out a printed invitation sheet to visitors at the entrances to the car parks. (This suggestion has been considered by the committee and, in the light of previous experience and the probable litter problem, has been shelved. Ed.)

Recently received from Mr Peters of Rose Bay is a photocopy of a paper about our Post Office. This is an extremely interesting document, presented by courtesy of the historical section of Australia Post. (This paper was read at an early meeting of the Society. We hope to publish it, with the permission of the Post Office, as an occasional paper. Ed.)

Sandra Martyn 14/8/76

EXTRACTS FROM THE TREASURER'S REPORT
For the year ending 30 June 1976

INCOME		EXPENDITURE			
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
MEMBERSHIP			ADMINISTRATION		
Ordinary	280.00		Secretarial expenses		
Family	357.00		Postage	15.19	
Student	32.00	669.00	Stationery	15.12	
			Newsletter	43.75	
SALES			Telephone	0.40	74.46
Occasional papers	490.90		Treasurer's Expenses		
Newsletters	10.20		Postage	26.65	
Pamphlets	0.05		Telephone	2.40	
Badges	28.00		Telegrams	4.20	
Slides	26.05		Stationery	9.48	
Postcards	206.30		Photocopying	4.00	46.73
Souvenir envelopes	123.40	884.90	Membership Secretary expenses		3.71
			Research Officer's expenses		3.63
ADMISSIONS					128.53
Museum	648.54		MUSEUM		
Smoke Concerts	55.80	704.34	Display	164.50	
			Attendant's expenses	936.00	
DONATIONS			Insurance	149.90	1250.40
Competition ticket sales	95.00		PUBLICITY		
J. Dunkley	18.00		Postcard display		5.95
C. Gray	3.50		FUNCTIONS		
S. Heaney	27.00		Smoke concerts	5.75	
Sundry	41.83	185.33	Competition tickets	24.36	30.11
			SUBSCRIPTIONS		
BANK INTEREST		23.23	R.A.H.S.		17.50
			REVENUE ITEMS		
COMMISSIONS			Occasional papers	350.00	
Speleological publications (net)		3.26	Postcards	125.00	
			Souvenir envelopes		
MISCELLANEOUS			Envelopes	31.86	
Provision for postage	2.26		Stamps	70.00	101.86
Credit balances	1.15	3.41	Badges	56.95	633.81
TOTAL REVENUE		2473.47	TOTAL EXPENDITURE		2066.30
BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD	550.25		BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD	957.42	
	3023.72			3023.72	

R. F. Guy Honorary Treasurer

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PUBLICITY - SMOKE CONCERT REPORT

As it was felt generally by the committee that printing of programmes outweighed the profits we have done away with them and at the January concert this year we passed the hat around. Financial gain was equal to that when selling programmes, so in future no more programmes will be printed and Smoke Concert finances will be by donation only.

In vain I have once again contacted many newspapers and radio stations. The only success I have had has been with the Blue Mountains Gazette and the Hawkesbury Courier.

We received a letter from the Australia Folk Lore Council who are interested in participating in Smoke Concerts.

Sandra Heaney August 1976

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

	<u>Paid to 30/6/76</u>	<u>Paid to 30/6/77</u>	<u>Total</u>
Student	8	3	11
Family	25	20	45
Single	32	22	54
	<u>65</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>110</u>

H. Culley August 1976

ADDRESSES

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FEBRUARY MEETING

The next general meeting will be held in Jenolan Caves House at 8-30 PM on

Saturday 12 February 1977 .

John Callaghan will give a talk, illustrated with slides and sound effects, on

Pollution - Jenolan and Overseas.

This talk will be based on John's recent overseas trip during which he visited caves in the United States, Britain, Belgium and Austria.

Please note that the talk will commence not later than 9-00 PM; any unfinished business will be concluded after supper.

If you intend to have dinner at Caves House before the meeting it is a good idea to book early at the reception desk (phone Jenolan Caves 3).

Committee Meeting. The committee will meet at 4-00 PM on 12 February in the Jenolan Caves school.

MEETING DATES FOR 1977

Notice is hereby given that the general meetings will be held on the following dates during 1977 :

Saturday 12 February,

Saturday 7 May,

Saturday 13 August (Annual General Meeting),

and Saturday 12 November.

Please note that the May meeting is one week earlier than usual, in order to avoid the school holiday rush at Jenolan.

JENOLAN POSTMASTERS

Last year we reported that Mr Tom Feibig was the first postmaster at Jenolan since 1914. Mr W.F. Heiron has informed us that this is incorrect; a Mr Millington was postmaster following Miss Walsh's term as postmistress.

RESEARCH OFFICER'S REPORT

November 1976

Early in September of this year I received a letter from a woman who claims to be a grand-daughter of the Hon. Sydney Smith. Mrs Spring also enclosed his obituary which I have returned as requested. I wish to tender a photostat copy of the obituary to this meeting so that it can be of research use to this society in the future.

Another valuable meeting I have had in September of this year was with a Mrs Gillen, who is a grand-daughter of Mr John Beaumont Youdale. Mr Youdale wrote an account of Jenolan Caves in 1879. Mrs Gillen resides in England and indicated to me that she intends to forward all references that would be of interest to this society. This may take a lot of time.

Other information I am seeking for the period 1880-1890 is of the J.D.Brown family. If any person can give any information on this name I would appreciate it gratefully.

R. Newbould.

Sydney Smith was Member for Bathurst in the NSW Legislative Assembly from 1894 to 1898. In 1889, while MLA for East Macquarie, he became Minister for Mines in the last Parkes Government. He was Member for Macquarie in the first Commonwealth Parliament and became Postmaster General in the Reid-McLean Government, 1904-05. He died in 1934. *Ed.*

SMOKE CONCERTS AND OTHER EVENTS

Following the socially disastrous Smoke Concert last October, the Manager has withdrawn approval for these events. The committee agreed with this decision and is now considering plans for other social activities and entertainments in which members can get together without attracting the larrikin element.

One proposal is to run a series of film and slide evenings at Caves House. The first of these, put on for the guests in Caves House, and organised with the help of society members, was held during the Christmas-New Year holidays.

Many other activities could be organised; for example a family picnic day and cave inspections for members. If you have any ideas why not contact one of the committee members at Jenolan or ring the secretary. If you are prepared to organise something yourself, let the editor know so that we can advertise it in this NEWSLETTER.

FUND RAISING

The committee has been considering for some time the possibility of holding an art union in order to raise funds for our projected museum building. This would require some changes to our constitution, which have been drafted by Ben Nurse and will be put to a special general meeting if the proposal goes ahead.

Any members who have experience in running art unions, or have advice or help to offer, should contact the president, Ben Nurse at 11 Nelson Parade, Hunters Hill 2110, phone (02) 89 0115.

EXTRACT FROM THE TREASURER'S REPORT Nov 1976

Financial Statement for Period 1/7/76 to 30/9/76

<u>RECEIPTS</u>		<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	
<u>MEMBERSHIP</u>		<u>ADMINISTRATION</u>	
Ordinary	- 140.00	Secretarial Expenses - 73.56	
Family	- 119.00	(Newsletter, Public.)	
Student	- <u>6.00</u>	Treasurer's Expenses - 13.29	
	265.00	Cheque Book - <u>5.00</u>	91.85
<u>SALES</u>		<u>MUSEUM</u>	
Occas. Papers	- 28.50	Display (Frames, etc) -217.62	
Newsletters	- .25	Attendants' Exps. - 90.00	
Badges	- 2.00	Insurance (Vol. Wkrs) - <u>92.75</u>	400.37
Postcards	- 4.40		
Slides	- 2.15		
Souv. Env.	- <u>24.00</u>		
	61.30	<u>REVENUE ITEMS</u>	
<u>ADMISSIONS</u>		Souv. Env. - Stamps - <u>25.00</u>	25.00
Museum	- <u>52.31</u>		
	52.31		
<u>DONATIONS</u>			
W. Buckley	- 36.00		
H. Fiebig	- 6.00		
N. Miles	- 20.00		
J. Oliver	- 9.00		
Sundry	- <u>5.12</u>		
	76.12		
<u>MISCELLANEOUS</u>			
Gross Sales Speleo.			
Publications	- <u>23.50</u>		
	23.50		
<u>TOTAL RECEIPTS</u>	\$ 478.23	<u>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</u>	\$ 517.22
<u>BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD</u>	\$ 957.42	<u>BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD</u>	\$ 918.43
	<u>\$1435.65</u>		<u>\$1435.65</u>

ANY OLD LAMPS ?

The society has acquired a new member, Mr F. Stewart, who is curator of the Ferrowatt Electrical Museum, Great Western Highway, Faulconbridge. This museum contains over 5000 items (lamps, radio valves, fittings, components etc.). The earliest lamp in the collection is an Edison dating 1882.

Mr Stewart is interested in obtaining duplicates from other collections and has offered assistance in dating and identifying old lamps found at Jenolan.

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The first time a cave was lit electrically at Jenolan, and probably also the first time in the world, was on 22 July 1880 when E.C. Cracknell installed temporary lights in the Margarita Cavern, a section of Chifley Cave. In 1884 arrangements were made with Cracknell for the installation of lights in other parts of the caves. This work was well under way by 1886 when a steam driven generator was installed in the Grand Arch. The lighting of the Imperial Cave was completed in January 1887.

In 1889 Cracknell and J.S. Fitzmaurice supervised the purchase and installation of a new dynamo capable of running 100 lamps. By 1890 a new dam had been completed and the erection of a water-powered Leffel wheel to drive the dynamo was completed in May when the dynamo was connected to the Imperial Cave circuit.

In 1893 a new dynamo, to run the lights in the Lucas Cave, was purchased, cables were laid to the mouth of the cave and the Leffel wheel was moved to a new site. The lighting of Lucas Cave, consisting of six arc lamps and 70 incandescent lamps, was completed in June and July of 1894 by Mr Fitzmaurice and an assistant.

During this time magnesium lighting was still being used in many parts of the caves and in 1900 an acetylene lamp was tested, but it was found to be objectionable. In the same year a new magnesium lamp was found to be successful. Acetylene lighting was not completely abandoned; it was used for a concert in the Grand Arch in 1901.

F.J. Wilson continued with the installation of electric lights. He did the wiring in the Mafeking Cave (part of Lucas Cave), which was opened in 1902, by himself.

By 1904 the Leffel wheel, which had done 13 years service, needed repairs. Its water supply was improved by the construction of the dam, which impounds the Blue Lake, in 1908.

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MUSEUM MINDERS

The society always needs volunteers to open the old post office museum. Members who travel to Jenolan for this purpose may be reimbursed up to \$9 per day for personal expenses but we don't mind if you do it for nothing. Expenses are paid for the important opening times of school holidays and weekends.

Please contact museum supervisor, Ernie Holland, c/- Guides' Office, Jenolan Caves. Telephone enquiries can be directed to Graham Morrison on (02) 41 7741.

SNIPPETS

Mr Heiron has made a coffee table which he has donated to the Society. It will be the prize in our next raffle.

A time switch has been acquired for the floodlights which illuminate the old post office.

The Society thanks Neil Miles for a donation of \$20.

In November our membership records were as follows:

	Financial to 1976	to 1977	Total
Family	16	29	45
Single	22	35	57
Student	7	4	11
Total	45	68	113

Did you see the write-up on Jenolan in Ansett's magazine *Panorama* last year? John Callaghan acquired some extra copies.

CONTACTS

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Assistant Treasurer (publications);
58 Eastern Ave, Kingsford 2032.

Newsletter: 30 Lower Cliff Ave, Northbridge 2063.

ANY OLD LAMPS ? (from page 4)

Electric lighting was not installed in Caves House until 1916. In 1917 a new power station was commenced; it was completed in 1920.

The rot set in in 1936 when neon lights were installed in the Lucas Cave.

I.M.S.

Jenolan plan to boost tourism

The Federal Government should aid NSW, in plans to develop Jenolan Caves as a tourist resort to curb the flow of people spending their holidays overseas, the State Minister for Tourism, Mr Booth, said yesterday.

Mr Booth said the NSW Government was planning to spend up to \$4 million to develop Jenolan Caves into a tourist attraction capable of attracting visitors from interstate and overseas.

However, the State Government's plans could be delayed unless Federal aid was granted to the project.

Mr Booth said Cabinet had approved plans for a \$2.2 million cable car, a \$1.9 million information centre and the provision of luxury and low cost accommodation at the Caves House.

All the work would be subject to an environmental study.

"However, \$4 million is a lot of money for a State Government to spend on a tourist attraction, so I think the Federal Government should be asked to help," Mr Booth said.

Mr Booth said action had to be taken to turn the trend of Australian tourists spending their money overseas rather than on visits to attractions within their own country.

Late Mr Rod Murdoch

Mr R E Murdoch, who died in Sydney on 8 September at the age of 52, had been Director of Tourism from December 1968 until his death, and held other important positions in the tourist industry.

His distinguished career included war service, long service with both the Department of Education and Department of Tourism, and association with community service organisations.

Mr Murdoch was a Bachelor of Arts (Sydney University) and Master of Arts (University of California, Berkeley, USA), and held the Diploma of Physical Education (Sydney University).

He served with the AIF in World War II (1942-46), and was in the Citizen Military Forces (1947-61) with the Sydney University Regiment, where he rose to be second-in-command.

Important positions in the tourist industry held by Mr Murdoch were: Member of the Australian Tourist Commission 1973-75; Board Member of the Australian National Travel Association (ANTA) from 1969 until his death; Member of the Board of Directors of the Pacific Area Travel Association from 1972-74 and Chairman of PATA's Australian Chapter from 1973; and Member of the American Society of Travel Agents (ASTA) and Chairman of the Executive Committee for the Society's 1971 Congress, held in Sydney.

He was also a member of the Sydney Rotary Club, the National Fitness Council of New South Wales, the Imperial Services Club and the SKAL Club of Sydney.

There were a number of very important developments within the tourist industry in New South Wales while Mr Murdoch was Director.

These included the subsidy scheme to assist Regional Tourist Associations in the State; the appointment of Regional Tourism Liaison Officers in various Regions of the State; legislation to license travel agents, and pending legislation to assist with tourist development; and the opening of the NSW Government Travel Centre in Adelaide and the NSW Government Tourist Information Centres in Albury and Tweed Heads.

Mr Murdoch is survived by Mrs Murdoch, four children (three of them married) and two grandchildren.

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MAY MEETING POSTPONED

The meeting, previously advertised for 7 May, has been postponed until 8-30 PM on

Saturday 28 May 1977.

The reason for this is to avoid the school holidays following a request from the management to do so. Unfortunately the committee must have been asleep when we set the meeting a week earlier than usual - we should have made it two weeks later. Our apologies to members who have been inconvenienced. As compensation, at the deferred meeting, we offer you the well-known speleologist and president of JCH&PS, Mr Ben Nurse in a talk entitled

CAVE DIVING.

Ben's recorded interest in cave diving can be traced back to 1952 when a party from Sydney University Speleological Society dived in the lower river level of Jenolan's Mammoth Cave. On October 9-10 1954 a joint SSS - SUSS party made the first successful penetration, 150 ft, of the upstream syphon in Imperial Cave. To find out the rest of the story you will have to come to the meeting, which will be held as usual in Jenolan Caves House.

Committee Meeting

As usual, the committee will meet at Jenolan Caves school at 4-00 PM on 28 May.

NATIONAL ESTATE AND NATIONAL TRUST

At its February meeting the committee decided to nominate the Jenolan Caves area for inclusion in the register of the National Estate being compiled by the National Heritage Commission.

We also decided to ask the National Trust to consider classifying three structures, Caves House, the engineer's cottage and the limestone bridge. The suggestion to classify Caves House had been raised a few years ago but had apparently been forgotten.

JENOLAN CAVES MASTER PLAN REPORTINTRODUCTION

The Jenolan Caves Master Plan Report, dated April 1975, was prepared by the Special Projects Section of the Government Architect's office, Department of Public Works. The report is presented in two volumes, of which I have seen only volume 1 containing the report itself; volume 2 contains appendices.

The report consists of seven sections :

1. Introduction,
2. The Site,
3. Existing Administration Policy,
4. Planning Principles,
5. Review of Administration Policy,
6. The Master Plan,
7. Implementation.

Sections 1 to 3 are mainly descriptive and will not be summarised here; our main interest is in the principles and recommendations of the plan.

PLANNING PRINCIPLES

The plan is based on the recognition of the Jenolan Caves area as a major tourist asset and also on its importance as part of the national estate. Economic viability is also considered to be important. The report states

... the first aim of management and planning principles should be directed at the conservation of the integrity and diversity of the geological features and life systems associated with the caves for these have aesthetic, recreational, educational and scientific values.

Conservation

Conservation principles include recognition of the surface reserve area as a place for activity by visitors and also as a buffer zone which can be managed to prevent pollution of the caves. Development of new caves for public inspection should be suspended until methods of controlling pollution can be established. Items of historical interest should be preserved provided that this does not conflict with other aims.

Education

Educational sessions, using modern equipment and techniques with trained personnel in appropriate buildings are a necessary part of future development [for school and university groups].

Similarly, there is a need for a centre where the general public can seek information by displays, photos, maps and models.

Recreation

The development of recreational facilities is necessary, not to induce more visitors, but primarily to provide necessary associated facilities and alternative activity outlets to help relieve peak congestion visitation loads from within the caves.

Research

Scientific research is necessary both for conservation and for the maximum use of the tourist attraction. Accommodation, workshops and storerooms will be needed for research workers.

General Principles for Public Use

During periods of high visitation the use of motor vehicles within the reserve will be restricted to guests staying at Caves House and other authorised people. Much of the area now used for parking will be used for new accommodation and service buildings and for day-visitor facilities.

The reserve is to be divided into three zones for different intensities of use.

A high intensity zone contains the immediate vicinity of Caves House and a visitor reception area at the top of Five Mile Hill.

The medium intensity area includes the hinterland of Caves House. The system of paths is to be extended and picnic facilities will be provided. There should be no new service roads.

The low intensity zone is the remainder of the reserve which is regarded as a buffer zone for conservation purposes.

Fire Plan

The principal objectives of the fire plan, prepared by an officer of the Forestry Commission, are :-

- a) to prevent uncontrolled fires ,
- b) to develop the controlled use of fire in order to reduce fuel quantities ,
- c) to fully maintain the existing system of roads, trails and breaks,
- d) to assist and encourage the development of further trails and breaks
- e) to provide a basic fire-fighting force,
- f) to promote and encourage fire awareness
- g) to re-inforce and to assist in the co-ordination of efforts of the Forestry Commission ... etc..

The plan proposes a system of controlled burning, in autumn and winter, along trails and breaks not more than 3 chains wide. Snag felling of trees previously damaged by phasmids and wild fires should be carried out in strips at least 1 chain wide adjacent to roads, trails, breaks and houses.

Cave Exhibits

The carrying capacity of the caves can be increased by re-opening three old show caves : Arch/Nettle, Elder and Jersey. It may also be increased by devising methods of reducing deterioration caused by visitors and by the construction of improved paths, steps and viewing platforms.

The effects of artificial elements, such as stairs, concrete paths and electrical cables, on the cave environment (e.g. water flow and growth of formation) should be investigated. Until such research is completed, new facilities in the caves should make minimum contact with the cave.

Such a system would consist of modular component parts, ... that could be assembled and disassembled as required to form paths, viewing platforms and stair structures. They would stand on adjustable height legs with minimum physical attachment to cave surfaces and [would] be of chemically inert materials. Electrical services and path lighting would be a concealed integral part of the components

Display lighting would be fed from the walkway structures and may even be supported on poles or cantilever beams from them. Attempts at concealment by the burying of cable within the caves' surface shall be discontinued.

The new aesthetic philosophy intentionally visually separates natural and artificially introduced elements, the one an organic varying free-form structure, the other orderly, geometrical neat and consistent and not detracting from the caves by unsuccessfully attempting to blend.

General Principles of Landscape Design

The area around Caves House must be hard paved. Garden areas around the house will use colourful exotic trees and shrubs, in order to preserve historical associations and to blend with the pseudo-English buildings. Deciduous trees will admit sunlight in winter.

Outside the Caves House precinct all exotic plants will be eliminated and replaced with locally indigenous plants.

REVIEW OF ADMINISTRATION POLICY

A technical and scientific research and advisory committee is to be established to investigate the full impact of all policy decisions to give guidance in the formulation of policy. Such a committee would include representatives of the Trust, the Department of Tourism, management, speleologists, conservationists, guiding staff, relevant specialist scientists and [the] public...

Additional staff will be required for field research , rangers and gardening.

The Caves will not be required to make an annual profit.

THE MASTER PLAN

Reception and Information Centre

A reception and information centre, together with a car park, cable-car station, picnic areas and caravan park will be constructed on flat to undulating land near the top of Five Mile Hill. The road will be diverted through the car park but will remain a public road through to the caves. However, drivers who proceed through will be warned that parking is not available at the caves, except on certain off-peak days.

The reception and information centre will include a ticket office and an automated display hall where visitors can be occupied while waiting for the cable car. The picnic areas will relieve pressure on the facilities at the caves.

Cable Car

The proposed route of the cable car is a straight line from the reception centre to the caves. It follows the ridge and the old six-foot track for about half the distance and then descends rapidly into McKeown's Valley. The lower terminal will be located on the present bus-parking area beside the post office.

The report includes a comparative analysis of cable-car and mini-bus transport. The reasons for favouring the cable car are summarised.

It provides an exciting drawcard mode of transport.

It can be made profitable.

Safety relies on mechanical function only and not on human judgement in addition.

The maintenance is related to mechanical function only and not other items ...

It does not involve the major practical limitations of staffing.

It initially provides an adequate carrying capacity and the capacity can be modified to daily demands and increased to cater for future demands.

Caves House Precinct

The cable-car terminal, ticket office, guides' office, kiosk, first-aid room and locker rooms will be located on an elevated deck opposite the existing guides' office and ticket office. The ground level will be predominantly a pedestrian area with an outdoor restaurant. The speed of through traffic will be limited by law and by sett paving within a narrow road.

Car park no. 2, near the existing tennis courts, will be retained for week-day visitors. Car park no.1 will be converted to a games area, child-minding centre and adventure playground. Picnic and barbecue facilities will be provided on a riverside walk upstream of the old car park.

Further picnic facilities will be provided by a communal barbecue and long banquet (sic) tables beside the Blue Lake.

Service and Staff Buildings

Existing service and staff buildings behind Caves House will be removed and replaced by a new set of buildings on the area occupied by car park no.3 (the report says no.1, but the plans show no. 3).

Caves House

The area freed from service buildings shall be used for guests' car parking at ground level and, over this, terraced levels of dormitory and family unit accommodation [will be built]. Common rooms shall be located and glazed to catch available sun, draped to provide evening warmth and some shall be capable of use as seminar areas.

Part of the ground floor of Caves House shall be used as a small museum, library and specialised information rooms. A theatre shall be provided.

Caves House guest rooms shall be retained above the general level of activities but there shall be a general upgrading of accommodation standards. Some rooms shall be converted to provide more and higher quality en-suite bathroom facilities.

Caves House Hinterland

Below the Blue Lake the pedestrian path shall be ... developed into a circular walk. The hydro-electric generators shall be rehoused to permit external viewing Limited tent camping by organised groups may be permitted on the old pig farm site

The tracks through the McKeown's Valley to karst landscape features shall be developed and adequately signposted Although a plan for the re-introduction of native animals to the area would be encouraged the animal enclosure as a display feature would be disbanded. No development is proposed within McKeown's Valley ... for this area is the drainage area that feeds the caves.

Pedestrian Paths

More walking tracks, providing round trips, will be constructed using natural materials and signs will encourage people to keep to the tracks.

Roads and Transport

Although the existing main road will remain, it is proposed that access via the zig-zag road from Oberon will be closed after the improvement of the road to Hampton.

A standing area for setting down and picking up passengers will be provided near the post office on days when car park no.2 is used.

One or two mini-buses will be provided for people unable to use the cable car.

Cave Exhibits

The re-opening of the Arch and Nettle Caves will provide an additional high-capacity alternative to the Lucas Cave. If a natural connection between Nettle Cave and the Architect's Studio in Chifley Cave were enlarged, a variety of different inspections, including a through trip, would be available.

The re-opening of Elder Cave, for an inspection with a historical theme, is also proposed.

For the 'genuine enthusiast', the unlit Jersey Cave may be re-opened.

The report notes difficulties caused by crowding in the Lucas Cave and proposes limiting Lucas inspections to 70 people, the present average size of a party. The size of parties in Imperial Cave should be reduced to 40.

Services

The report reviews existing water, electrical, sewerage, drainage, mechanical & heating, telephone, public address and garbage services and proposes various improvements to cater for present and future needs.

Kiosks, Concessions and Restaurants

Only a souvenir shop will be provided at the reception and information centre, but it is suggested that outside enterprise may be allowed to provide a kiosk, pony rides and other concessions at the centre.

Existing kiosk and Caves House dining facilities will be retained and an outdoor restaurant, barbecue meat sales area and new souvenir shop will be provided.

Toilets

The men's toilet adjacent to the guides' office will be demolished, together with that office, and new toilets will be provided. The latrines in the Grand Arch will be removed and new ones will be built near the Blue Lake.

Security and Staffing

A resident ranger will be needed at the reception and information centre. The self-service nature of much of the proposed additional accommodation means that the number of extra staff needed for Caves House will not be great. The information centre and cable car will require only a small number of operating staff.

IMPLEMENTATION

Several of the recommendations in the report can be completed without affecting the complete master plan. These include the removal of exotic vegetation, a replanting programme, necessary improvements to the Arch/Nettle, Elder and Jersey Caves, and a number of essential services.

COMMENTARY

I have tried to give a fair summary of the main points of the Master Plan Report as far as they affect JCH&PS and the general public. This was not always easy since much of the report is written in a convoluted style beloved of public servants. See, for example, the quote on top of page 3.

Some of the assumptions behind the plan may be doubted. Most notable of these, I think, is that a cable car will be a "drawcard". Some people will like it, but I imagine that many will not like being compelled to use it in order to get to the caves. And I am sure that many potential visitors will be scared stiff of the contraption. Other aspects of the transport system appear not to have been thought out: how, for example, will visitors get home when the cable car breaks down or is closed due to high winds?

It seems that the report was completed and presented to the government in a hurry. It could have been a much better report if the issues had been considered more thoroughly and if the public had been invited to comment on the draft before it was accepted, almost two years after the date on the report, by the new government. This report should be published in full and the government should defer major action until the recommendations have been publicly debated.

Footnote: Passages printed in italics are direct quotations from the report.

Ian Sefton

RESEARCH REPORT - FEBRUARY 1977

The only worthwhile mention of previous histories since the November report is a letter received early in January 1977 from A.E. Stedman, treasurer of Sutherland Shire Historical Society. He wrote to say that he has in his possession a book published in 1922 by Gullick, the Government Printer at the time. Mr Stedman has not indicated whether the book pertains to Jenolan Caves or not.

During the January tourist season Mr T. Wallace of Clovelly visited Jenolan and showed Senior Guide, John Culley, a photograph of horses and sulkeys with family depicted. Mr Wallace's family came from the Bathurst district last century and this could be a worthwhile prospect for research.

R. Newbould

CURATORS' REPORT - FEBRUARY 1977

This quarter has been a quiet time for the curators. To continue the assessing of the historical items in the guides' office we are waiting on a supply of used envelopes. (Members, can you supply some ? Ed.)

We have received a pack of playing cards with the Broken Column on them. These were given by Barry Richards, who is a member of the society.

John Callaghan

At the February meeting John Callaghan also announced the acquisition of several other items, to wit : a copy of Frank Hurley's *Blue Mountains and Jenolan Caves*, a telephone tester to go with our pyramid switchboard (donated by Noel May), an old luggage tag and an old pay envelope.

MUSEUM

At the February meeting museum supervisor Ernie Holland reported that his main problem was with people who volunteer and don't turn up. Since then we have heard that museum minders are still scarce. Can you volunteer for a definite time and let Ernie know ?

Thanks to Mr Heiron who has been busy again and made a display stand for our publications. And he has made us yet another coffee table to be raffled. Members who can sell tickets please contact Dick Guy at Jenolan.

UNFINANCIAL MEMBERS : IF YOU DON'T PAY YOUR 1976-77 SUBSCRIPTIONS PRONTO THIS WILL BE YOUR LAST NEWSLETTER STOP WE CAN'T AFFORD TO KEEP SENDING IT STOP NEITHER CAN WE AFFORD TO LOSE YOU STOP PLEASE HELP BY SENDING MONEY TO MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY AT JENOLAN CAVES 2790 NOW STOP THANKYOU.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR PERIOD 1/1/77 TO 31/3/77

<u>RECEIPTS</u>		<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	
	<u>QUARTER</u>	<u>YEAR TO DATE</u>	
<u>MEMBERSHIP</u>			<u>ADMINISTRATION</u>
Ordinary - 10.00		150.00	Secretarial -54.22
Family - 21.00		168.00	Treasurer - 4.91
Student - 4.00	35.00	10.00	Cheque Book - Nil
		328.00	Stationery - 5.00
			64.13
<u>SALES</u>			<u>MUSEUM</u>
Occ. Pap. - 89.00		155.00	Display - Nil
Newsletters .25		.75	Attendant -54.00
Badges - Nil		3.00	Insurance - Nil
Postcards - 15.00		20.60	Time Clock -32.00
Slides - 7.55		10.50	86.00
Souv. Env.- 20.60		60.40	
Maps - 8.00	140.40	8.00	258.25
			<u>FUNCTIONS</u>
<u>ADMISSIONS</u>			Smoke Conc. Nil
Museum	46.08	114.54	
			<u>SUBSCRIPTIONS</u>
<u>FUNCTIONS</u>			R.A.H.S
Smoke Concert Nil		156.65	17.50
<u>DONATIONS</u>			<u>REVENUE ITEMS</u>
W. Buckley- 27.00		213.60	Souv. Env. - Nil
Sundry - 1.66	28.46		Occ. Papers -33.55
			Pamphlets -10.00
			Maps -20.00
			63.55
<u>MISCELLANEOUS</u>			<u>MISCELLANEOUS</u>
Gross Sales			Payments for
Speleo. Pub. 159.00		211.50	Speleo. Publ. 90.90
Commission 1.00	160.00	1.00	90.90
<u>TOTAL RECEIPTS</u>	409.94	1283.54	<u>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</u>
			322.08
<u>BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD</u>	1123.57	957.42	<u>BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD</u>
			1211.43
	1533.51	2240.96	1533.51
			2240.96

R.F. GUY Hon. Treas.

MAPS FOR SALE

The society has been appointed agent for the Central Mapping Authority Of NSW. Although you can buy maps elsewhere you will help the society by buying them from us. No space this time for a full list but contact the treasurer, Dick Guy, or his agent Keith Oliver, at Jenolan for details.

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SUBSCRIPTIONS NOW DUE

Subscriptions for the year 1 July 1977 to 30 July 1978 are now due. Please forward your renewals to

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Jenolan Caves 2790 .

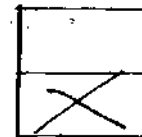
Subscription rates are

Single member	\$ 5.00
Family membership	\$ 7.00
Full-time student	\$ 2.00

Some members have not yet paid their 1976-77 subscriptions and have officially ceased to be members. However we are sending this last NEWSLETTER because we don't want to lose you. Crosses in the boxes below indicate which years' subscriptions you owed at 12 July 1977. If you have paid since then please ignore this notice.

1976-77 subscription due

1977-78 subscription due



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The annual general meeting of the society will be held in Jenolan Caves House at 8-30 PM on

SATURDAY 13 AUGUST 1977 .

Business includes presentation of annual reports by various officers and the election of a new committee, a patron and three trustees. Nominations must be in writing and will be received up to the time of the election.

The committee consists of

President,
two vice presidents,
treasurer and assistant treasurer,
secretary and assistant secretary,
membership secretary,

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (from page 1)

two curators,
research officer,
representative of the NSW Government Tourist Bureau,
seven additional members.

It has been customary for the annual general meeting to designate some of the additional committee positions as specific jobs, for example publicity officer, assistant research officer and museum supervisor. The committee also has the power to appoint sub-committees, so if you can help the society in any way at all you should turn up and get yourself elected, or appointed to a sub-committee.

Discussion.

Following the necessary business the meeting will be open for discussion. To get things started we suggest the following topic :

HISTORICAL CAVE TRIPS - ARE THEY FEASIBLE OR DESIRABLE ?

This is an idea which has been raised before but nothing came of it. Now the Jenolan Caves Master Plan Report has suggested the re-opening of some old tourist caves (see this NEWSLETTER, April 1977, page 7). We also publish in this issue a letter on the subject.

Dinner. Dinner as usual at Caves House before the meeting provided that you remember to book; ring Jenolan Caves 3 or call at the reception desk early.

Committee Meeting.

The committee meets at 4-00 PM on Saturday 13 August in the Jenolan Caves school.

A NOTE FROM THE TREASURER

Although the annual statement of accounts has been prepared and sent for audit, it is not available for publication as we go to press. However our diligent treasurer, Dick Guy, provides some comments.

The operation of the museum is a real problem that we have to find solutions for immediately. We were only able to open on 37 days for the year in comparison with 110 days the previous year. However the society has maintained its overall solid financial position. The maps continue to be good sellers. We have some supplies of Mitchell's map of the colony and I am sure that there will be interest shown in this map.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I have been talking to several Jenolan visitors and I have been thinking over some ideas; perhaps other members would be interested in discussing them. I wonder if some of the old tourist caves at Jenolan could not be used for historical and/or 'adventure trips'. It is acknowledged that the old caves are less beautiful than the present tourist caves. Therefore a visit in to them would have to offer something different.

There are many people who, having seen all the well-lit, well-paved tourist caves, would enjoy visiting (in a small group, with a guide) less well-developed caves. Many, particularly family groups, do not want to join a speleological society, but would enjoy a challenge. I feel that the Tourist Bureau might consider running occasional visits to undeveloped caves - logically old tourist caves - as historical or adventure trips. Visitors could be instructed in advance to bring torches for an adventure trip; candles and magnesium flares would be provided for historical visits. Even if such trips were run only occasionally (say, the first Saturday or Sunday of the month, and advertised) I am sure that they would be very popular. If groups were kept small, then all members would be well controlled. Fees could well be much higher than those for conventional trips and visitors choosing such a visit will probably be interested in the aims and objectives of JCH&PS.

It seems to me that a development of this sort, which costs nothing in capital expenditure, might offer a new dimension at Jenolan and could become an exciting and valid alternative to the 'normal' tourist view of the developed caves.

Ann Sefton

MUSEUM DISPLAY FRAMES

New display frames for photographs and documents have been made and donated by Mr W.F. Heiron who installed them in the old post office museum on 28 May. These frames, which allow us to keep our exhibits behind glass, are a considerable improvement to the museum. Thanks to Mr Heiron for his continued enthusiasm and support and to Ben Nurse who organised the glass and the transport.

NEW MEMBERS

The society welcomes the following new members :

Miss June Heiron of Eastwood,
Miss M.A. Merrell of Chelmer Qld,
Ms Kim Veilen of New Lambton,
Ms Vicki Watkins of Stockton,
Mr Robert Whyte of St Marys.

GUIDES' HONOUR ROLL

Some time ago, in response to suggestions from several members, Mr W.F. Heiron made a board for an honour roll of Jenolan guides. At its last meeting your committee appointed a sub-committee to consider the difficult problem of which names might be placed on the board. With the help of Mr W. Brennan in the Dept of Tourism, Mr Heiron compiled a list of guides known to have worked at Jenolan since about 1946, together with some earlier names. From this list the sub-committee has made a preliminary selection of twenty names for consideration. This list has been compiled using the following criteria :

- (1) include all chief or head guides,
- (2) select well-known guides employed before 1946,
- (3) include others with at least ten years service as a guide at Jenolan.

The twenty names selected grew to 21 and are

J. Wiburd	W. Hawkins
G. Brown	J. Wilson
A. Bradley	F. Wilson
A. Tait	J. Edwards
J. Foster	R. Bailey
C. Firbank	O. Batchelder
F. Hellyar	F. Harman
J. Luchetti	R. Richardson
J. O'Connor	J. Culley
B. Beckman	R. Newbould
L. Wilcox	

The board has space for about 64 names.

The sub-committee wishes to emphasise that the list and the criteria used to select it are tentative only and requests anybody interested to suggest alternatives and additions. The sub-committee also intends to recommend that, whatever names go on the board, the names of all people who have worked at Jenolan be inscribed in a book. Therefore we are seeking information about all guides including those listed above. When supplying information please include the following details if possible :

- (1) full name,
- (2) period of service as a guide, including dates,
- (3) period of total service at Jenolan, including dates,
- (4) short biographical details.

Information may be sent to

Ian Sefton
30 Lower Cliff Ave.
Northbridge 2063
(phone Sydney 95 4562)

OR Ben Nurse
11 Nelson Parade
Hunters Hill 2110
(phone 89 0115)

CURATORS' REPORT

MAY 1977

Since the society's last meeting we have received the following items.

One black and white photograph of Carlotta Arch taken approximately 50 years ago, from Mrs Palling of Castle Hill.

Two colour prints produced by the Government Printer, one of the limestone bridge and Grand Arch, the second of a section of the National Pass in the Blue Mountains. These were donated by Mr Liston of Tascott. He informed us that he worked in the area for some 40 years. When these photographs were received in the mail they were in a bent condition.

Mr Culley received a photostat copy of the discovery of Jenolan Caves as well as two photographs. One of these photos shows Jeremiah Wilson with a group of people. The other shows a group of people in front of old Caves House. These were donated by Mr R. Booth of East Lindfield who is a descendant of the Whalan family.

The curators have also received from the research officer an extract from the *Australian Dictionary of Dates and Men of the Time* concerning E.C. Cracknell and his work on the Zig Zag Railway.

A photostat copy on some history of the Webb family, from Mrs R. Anderson of St Ives.

Five photographs of Jenolan from Mr R. Alberton of Campsie.

J.P. Callaghan

RAFFLE - COFFEE TABLE

The indefatigable Mr Heiron has made us yet another coffee table which we are raffling. The draw was to have been at the Easter film night, which didn't happen, so we intend to do it at the annual general meeting. Tickets are available from treasurer Dick Guy at the Guides' Office. Please contact him for supplies and buy some yourself.

TOURIST BUREAU FILES

Secretary Graham Morrison has been negotiating with the Department of Tourism for access to their old correspondence files dealing with the period from about 1890 to the mid 1950's. It is hoped that these documents will fill in some of the gaps in our knowledge of Jenolan's history, particularly of the 1930's and 1940's which are rather poorly recorded elsewhere. We hope to hear a progress report from Graham at the annual general meeting.

PUBLICATIONS

BINOOMEA CUT

The society's fourth occasional paper, *The Binoomea Cut*, by Ian Driscoll is now available. This paper is the text of a talk presented to the society in February 1974.

The paper has been printed in a new format by member Bill Clegg in Gunnedah. The text is properly typeset and photographs are included. We hope that future occasional papers and new editions of the old ones will also appear in the same format.

OTHER OCCASIONAL PAPERS

Other occasional papers published by the society are

1. *Steam Cleaning of the Orient Cave* by Ron Newbould,
2. *Discovery of the Imperial Cave* by Noel Rawlinson,
3. *The Discovery of Barralong Cave* by Ron Newbould.

Copies of all occasional papers may be purchased from the treasurer, Dick Guy, or from other committee members at Jenolan (call at the Guides' Office) for 50 cents each (75 cents posted).

MAPS

The society is an agent for the Central Mapping Authority of N.S.W.. When you buy your maps from us you help to support the society. Maps available include the following :

Tourist maps of Kosciusko National Park, Blue Mountains-Burraborang National Park, Bathurst-Orange-Blayney District, North Eastern N.S.W., South Eastern N.S.W., Blue Labyrinth, Hawkesbury River, Lord Howe Island, Port Hacking and Royal National Park, Sydney Harbour - all at \$ 1.50 each.

An interesting addition to your historical collection could be Sir Thomas Mitchell's Map of the Colony of N.S.W. - price \$ 3.00.

BOOKS

The society also sells selected publications from the speleological societies, on commission. Among those currently available is the SUSS publication, *The Caves of Jenolan, 2: The Northern Limestone*, by Bruce Welch - price \$ 5-00.

SAMUEL COOK'S JENOLAN CAVES

Sandra Martyn has two photocopies of Samuel Cook's well-known book on Jenolan, published in the 1890's. Anybody interested should phone Sandra on (02) 660 0008.

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NOVEMBER MEETING

The next general meeting will be held in Jenolan Caves House at 8-30 PM on

Saturday 12 November 1977.

The guest speaker will be Mr Ron Whalan on the subject of
"The Whalan Family"

Various accounts of the early history of Jenolan Caves link the names of James and Charles Whalan with the tracking down and capture of the alleged bushranger, McKeown, at Jenolan. Charles Whalan subsequently brought the caves to public attention and often acted as unofficial guide.

If you wish to have dinner at Caves House before the meeting you should book early at the reception desk or phone Jenolan Caves 3.

Committee Meeting

The committee will meet, as usual, in the Jenolan Caves school at 4-00 PM on 12 November.

MUSEUM MINDERS WANTED

The society still desperately needs people to mind the museum. At the annual general meeting it was suggested that each member should do at least one day each year. In order to arrange rosters it is important that Ernie Holland knows who intends to come - don't just turn up on spec. Please let him know the dates when you are available.

When you do open the museum, you should call at the Guides' Office to collect the stock sheets, cash box etc. and sign for the key.

Thanks to the efforts of Lesley Newbould and Deirdre Holland, the museum was opened on most days of the school holidays in August. Lesley also opened it on the three days of the long weekend.

NEW MEMBERS

The society welcomes the following new members :

Miss M. Baggs of Hamilton,
Miss C. Gray of Lilydale Victoria,
Mr and Mrs J.E. Pemble of North Epping.

ANNUAL REPORTS**RESEARCH OFFICER**

In the twelve months just passed a number of people have indicated that they are connected in some manner with Jenolan's past history. Also some articles have been handed to our society and are of great value to us. Seldom will our society achieve further contact with these people once they have left the Jenolan Caves area.

My opinion of why our society cannot obtain great advances with our research is that we do not have a permanent museum. The majority of material already in the possession of the society is packed away. This is not allowing proper research to be done. It is unfortunate that the proposed master plan for Jenolan Caves development has stifled the progress of the society from the major researching that is needed.

I find that I am able to pass on some research information to Mrs Sharpe of Oberon, who had requested help with the background of the Doust family. Mr W. Clegg was able to obtain valuable material about the pioneers - Hughes and Whalan, and also of the late Charles Whalan (reprints of articles) and a small photograph, probably of the Hampton Road House.

R. Newbould

PUBLICITY OFFICER

The October 1976 Smoke Concert was a financial success but a social fiasco. Following this it was decided to abandon Smoke Concerts for a period of 18 months to two years, and then to reassess the situation.

I have made repeated attempts at contacting various newspapers regarding the museum's being open. However, to advertise we have to pay, and at the moment the financial gain would not seem to justify the expense. Also, the museum is not always manned when people are in the area.

I spent considerable time preparing an article for the Ansett publication, *Panorama*, and I am only awaiting photographs to complete the article.

In conclusion, I thank fellow members for their support and I apologise for my lack of attendance over the past year. I am happy to continue in my present position if so elected, but I would like to inform you that my continued residence in New South Wales is somewhat in doubt at this stage.

Sandra Heaney

CURATORS' REPORT

Firstly, over the last twelve months we have collected numerous items which help add to the history of the society. In the last quarter we have received only ten small black and white photographs of scenes of Jenolan Caves. These were handed to Mr Culley by Mr S.V. Onorato who is at present relieving manager. The photographs were taken all on the one day, 20/1/1928.

We, as curators, would like to thank, once again, Mr W. Heiron for making the display cases for the museum. They have certainly brightened the old post office inside. We would also like to thank Mr D. Bramston for the job of finishing off the honour roll which was made by Mr Heiron.

Mr J. Culley has attended to the grass and the general tidying up around the old post office. I, myself, have been trying to find a suitable rock of limestone to cover the light in front of the post office, to blend in with the rock wall.

Over the last few weeks we have been compiling all items collected by the society; at the moment we are three quarters of the way. It is very interesting to see what the society has to its name: items such as smoking pipes, old watches, numerous books, photographs and maps of Jenolan, cameras, telephones, a dairy separator, a chicken hatcher, old bottles, light globes and reflectors; under my house we have a wash basin, which is close enough to being the kitchen sink.

In June the guiding staff removed the old sandstone plaque at the entrance of the Binoomea Cut and replaced it with a bronze plaque which was supplied by the Department of Tourism. The curators have accepted the sandstone plaque to add to the society collection.

The curators have made available to Mr K. Oliver certain photographs so that he may rephotograph them to assist the publicity officer with her write up for advertising the old post office, and the society in general, in the *Panorama* magazine produced by Ansett Airlines.

We would like to thank the people involved in redisplaying the photographs in the new display cabinets.

J.P. Callaghan

SYDNEY MEETINGS

At a recent committee meeting it was decided to organise one or more meetings of the society in Sydney. These meetings would be in addition to the regular quarterly meetings at Jenolan. Other activities are also being investigated. Anyone interested in supporting or helping can get in touch with the secretary (see contacts list).

TREASURER'S REPORT
Abbreviated STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE FOR
THE YEAR ENDED 30th JUNE 1977

<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>1976/77</u>		<u>1975/76</u>	
	\$	\$	\$	\$
<u>MEMBERSHIP</u>				
Ordinary	160.00		280.00	
Family	189.00		357.00	
Student	<u>10.00</u>	359.00	<u>32.00</u>	669.00
<u>SALES - OWN ITEMS</u>				
Occasional papers	203.00		490.90	
Newsletters	0.75		10.20	
Pamphlets	Nil		0.05	
Badges	3.00		28.00	
Slides	15.00		26.05	
Postcards	26.60		206.30	
Souvenir envelopes	<u>65.80</u>	314.15	<u>123.40</u>	884.90
<u>SALES - OTHER PUBLICATIONS</u>		370.00		21.75
<u>ADMISSIONS</u> (Museum)		152.28		648.54
<u>FUNCTIONS</u>				
Smoke Concerts - Collection	35.59		55.80	
- Barbecue	<u>121.06</u>	156.65	<u>Nil</u>	55.80
<u>DONATIONS</u>				
Competition Ticket Sales	62.80			
W. Buckley	85.00			
H. Fiebig	12.00			
N. Miles	20.00			
J. Oliver	9.00			
B. Welch	18.00			
P. Wellings	2.00			
Sundry	7.41	<u>216.21</u>		185.33
<u>BANK INTEREST</u>		32.23		23.23
<u>COMMISSIONS</u>		1.00		3.26
<u>MISCELLANEOUS</u>		0.10		3.41
<u>TOTAL REVENUE</u>		1601.62		2473.47
<u>BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD</u>		957.42		550.25
		<u>2559.04</u>		<u>3023.72</u>

<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		<u>1976/77</u>		<u>1975/76</u>	
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
<u>ADMINISTRATION</u>					
Secretarial Expenses-Postage	10.47				
-Stationery	44.52				
-Newsletter	157.33				
-Telephone	0.70	213.02		74.46	
Treasurer's Expenses-Postage	14.04				
-Telephone	9.50				
-Stationery	9.44				
-Photocopying	2.25	35.23		46.73	
Membership Secretary Expenses		Nil		3.71	
Research Officer's Expenses		Nil		3.63	
Cheque Book		5.00	253.25	Nil	128.53
<u>MUSEUM</u>					
Display					
-Materials	217.62			Nil	
-Reproductions	Nil			164.50	
-Blackheath Bk	8.00	225.62		Nil	
Equipment					
-Time clock		32.00		Nil	
Attendants' Expenses		231.00		936.00	
Insurance		92.75	581.37	149.90	1250.40
<u>PUBLICITY</u>					
			5.00		5.95
<u>FUNCTIONS</u>					
Smoke Concerts					
-Posters	51.75			5.75	
-Barbecue	56.35	108.10		Nil	
Competition		Nil	108.10	24.36	30.11
<u>SUBSCRIPTIONS</u>					
R.A.H.S.			17.50		17.50
<u>SALEABLE ITEMS - OWN</u>					
Occasional papers					
-Printing		43.55		350.00	
Postcards		Nil		125.00	
Souvenir Envelopes					
-Envelopes	Nil			31.86	
-Stamps	25.00	25.00		70.00	
Badges		Nil	68.55	Nil	633.81
<u>SALEABLE ITEMS - OTHER ORGANISATIONS</u>					
			430.67		18.49
<u>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</u>					
			1464.44		2066.30
<u>BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD</u>					
			1094.60		957.42
			<u>2559.04</u>		<u>3023.72</u>

R.F. Guy

The full report may be obtained from Mr Guy.

The society's accounts are audited by Mr F. Attwood A.A.S.A., to whom our thanks are due.

MUSEUM

As noted in the treasurer's report, the time that the museum was opened is not as good as would be expected, but there are two reasons for this :

- (1) the distance involved for some members,
- (2) the local member generally has to work when the museum should be opened.

The finance for the museum is stated in the treasurer's report. I would like to thank all the persons that manned the museum and helped in the setting up of the display cabinets; a special thanks to Mr Heiron for his donations of display stands and cabinets.

E. Holland

MUSEUM FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 30/6/77

<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>1976/77</u>	<u>1975/76</u>	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	<u>1976/77</u>	<u>1975/76</u>
<u>MEMBERSHIP</u>	10.00	38.00	<u>MUSEUM</u>		
<u>SALES</u>			<u>ATTENDANTS'</u>		
Occasional papers	37.10	337.90	<u>EXPENSES</u>	231.00	936.00
Newsletters	0.75	10.20			
Badges	3.00	21.00	<u>BALANCE</u>		
Slides	8.90	26.05		226.73	500.18
Postcards	14.40	199.90			
Souvenir envelopes	30.00	113.40			
Smoke Concert Prog.	Nil	1.00			
Other Publications	72.50	21.75			
<u>DONATIONS</u>					
Museum Entrance	152.28	648.54			
Other	128.80	36.93			
<u>COMMISSION</u>					
	Nil	3.26			
	<u>457.73</u>	<u>1436.18</u>		<u>457.73</u>	<u>1436.18</u>

After adjusting the 'Revenue' total to allow for the cost of the production or purchase of the saleable items, the 'Balance' figure becomes \$112.60. This compares with \$146.63 for the year 1975/76.

As a result of the generosity of a number of persons who opened the museum, there was a high proportion of Attendant's Expenses either not claimed or donated back.

R.F. Guy

CAVES HOUSE MANAGER

Mr R. Tullett recently resigned as manager of Caves House in order to take up an appointment in Papua New Guinea. Mr S.V. Onorato, his predecessor at Jenolan, returned to the post as relieving manager pending the appointment of a new manager. Mr Onorato attended our annual general meeting and kindly took the chair during the election of office bearers.

OFFICE BEARERS 1977-78

Patron :	Ald. H.G. Coates	
President :	B.S. Nurse	
Vice Presidents :	W.J. Buckley	
	J.R. Dunkley	
Secretary :	G. Morrison	
Assistant Secretary :	R.M. Stacey	
Treasurer :	R.F. Guy	
Assistant Treasurer :	K.J. Oliver	
Membership Secretary :	Mrs H. Culley	
Curators :	J.P. Callaghan	
	J.P. Culley	
Research Officer :	R.L. Newbould	
Representative of Dept of Tourism :	(vacant)	
Committee :	Miss S. Heaney	(publicity)
	E.A. Holland	(museum)
	Miss S. Martyn	
	P.M. McGuire	
	P. Richards	
	I.M. Sefton	(newsletter)
	N.W. Sims	
Trustees :	Ald. W.R. Clegg	
	D. Bryant	
	W.F. Heiron	

CONTACTS

<u>President</u> (Ben Nurse):	11 Nelson Parade, Hunters Hill 2110 (ph 89 0115).
<u>Secretary</u> (Graham Morrison):	157 Greville Rd, Chatswood 2067 (419 3734).
<u>Newsletter</u> (Ian Sefton):	30 Lower Cliff Ave, Northbridge 2063 (95 4562).
<u>Membership & Renewals</u> (Helen Culley):	c/- P.O. Jenolan Caves 2790
<u>Treasurer</u> (Dick Guy)	c/- Guides' Office, Jenolan Caves
<u>Publication Sales</u> (Keith Oliver):	" " "
<u>Museum Roster</u> (Ernie Holland):	" " "
<u>Curators</u> (John Culley, John Callaghan):	" " "

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT

<u>Financial Members</u>	to 30-6-77	to 30-6-78	to 1979	Life memb.
Single	28	13	2	1
Family	26	8		
Student	6	2		
Totals	60	23	2	1
<u>Total = 86</u>				
These are down :	10	22		
Unfinancial for more than twelve months :		34		
New members :		5		

H. Culley

PUBLICATIONS

The society now handles a fairly wide range of publications including our own occasional papers, various speleological papers and maps published by the Central Mapping Authority of N.S.W.. Assistant Treasurer, Keith Oliver, is taking over the responsibility for handling these. They can be obtained from the museum or by contacting Keith at the Guides' Office.

Members are reminded that our latest occasional paper, *The Binoomea Cut*, by Ian Driscoll, is now available. Earlier papers, now reprinted, include *Steam Cleaning of Orient Cave*, *Discovery of the Imperial Cave* & *Discovery of Barralong Cave*. These are priced at 50¢ each; please add 25¢ to cover post and packing.

In our last issue we incorrectly advertised the price of Mitchell's *Map of the Colony of New South Wales*. The correct price is \$ 1.50.

Sandra Martyn still has one photocopy of Samuel Cook's book on Jenolan. Any takers please contact Sandra (660 0008) or Ben Nurse.

MUSEUM FLOODLIGHTS

Floodlights, installed to illuminate the old post office museum, are operating at last, following the installation of a time switch.

NATIONAL ESTATE

The Jenolan Caves Reserve has now been listed on the register of the National Estate. However, in the initial announcement there was no mention of the buildings; your committee is taking steps to ensure that the historic buildings at Jenolan are listed in the National Estate. We also hope to persuade the National Trust to classify them.

THE WHALANS IN AUSTRALIA

Mrs Benton, who produced the book, *The Whalans in Australia*, has offered to donate a copy to the society and another copy to the guides. Any member interested in purchasing a copy should contact the secretary, Graham Morrison (419 3734).

RAFFLES

Mr Heiron has donated a tray to be used as a prize in our fund-raising raffles. Sandra Martyn has organised the reproduction and framing of a photograph of the original caves accommodation house, which will also be raffled. Tickets for at least one of these raffles will go on sale at the November meeting. Tickets are 20¢ each available in books of 10. Each member is asked to take one or more books. If you don't get to the meeting contact Sandra on (Sydney) 660 0008. The next raffle will probably be drawn at the February meeting.

B. Richard

Jenolan Caves Historical and Preservation Society



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FEBRUARY MEETING

MEMBERS' SLIDE NIGHT

The next general meeting will be held in Jenolan Caves House at 8-30 pm on

Saturday 11 February 1978 .

Following the business session, which will include reports on the society's activities and plans for future action, members will be invited to show, and speak about, their favourite slides of Jenolan. Subjects can include tourist caves, subjects of historical interest, conservation issues, cave exploration and speleology, the surface of the reserve or whatever takes your fancy. Pick out your five or ten best slides and think of something to say about them for ten or fifteen minutes; black and white photographs are also welcome - they can be pinned up or passed around.

Why not join other members of the society for dinner in Caves House before the meeting? You can book at the reception desk or phone Jenolan Caves 3 in advance to make sure.

COMMITTEE MEETING

The committee meets in the Jenolan school house at 4-00 pm on the day of each general meeting. If you want to see how your society is managed, drop in and see us.

MEETING DATES FOR 1978

Please make a note of these dates.

11 February, 27 May, 12 August (AGM), 11 November.

Reminders will be given in this NEWSLETTER about two weeks before each meeting.

The guest speaker at the May meeting will be Mr B.J.Hooker, Chief Cartographer of the Central Mapping Authority. The title of his talk will be announced in our next issue.

FILM NIGHT

There will be a film night in Caves House on Sunday 29 January .

All members are welcome.

EDITORIAL

The State Government has indicated that the Department of Public Works is preparing an environmental impact study in relation to the Jenolan Caves Master Plan. We also understand that submissions from this society and other interested parties will not be received by the Department of Public Works until the study has been completed.

That is rather surprising to us, since the environment is one of our principal concerns. Does the government, or its advisers, think that we are merely a group of ignorant axe-grinders? In fact, many of our members have a good deal of first-hand knowledge of the Jenolan environment. Some have lived and worked there for many years; they have studied the area and have learned how to interpret it for the public. Others have been regular visitors, studying the landscape and the caves within; some have come to know and understand the flora and fauna of the region; some have taken an interest in the management of cave areas, at Jenolan and elsewhere, for commercial, tourist, conservation and scientific purposes. But the government, or the Public Works Department don't want to hear from us - yet.

We have been informed that the completed environmental impact study will go to the State Pollution Control Commission for its assessment, and that we can make submissions after that. Will that be after the decisions have been made? This sort of thing has happened before. The Master Plan itself was commissioned under the previous government. The first that many people knew about it was when Mr Wran's cabinet decided to adopt the plan and announced the allocation of a large sum of money to implement it. We believe that this decision was rushed - that the government asked for the plan before it had been properly completed. Those who have read the report, which was quite difficult to get hold of for a while, may have noticed that it shows signs, internally, of being a draft document. We would have welcomed the opportunity to comment on that draft; it contains some good ideas as well as some ideas which need further consideration.

Perhaps the authorities don't take JCH&PS seriously because we have not pushed ourselves forward enough. We have never seen ourselves as a ginger group (although we do have a few gingery members). But perhaps we have not made enough public contribution to the problem of the master plan. This journal is available to members, and others, to put sensible, well-argued cases for and against the proposals. There has been plenty of discussion in meetings, and letters have been written, but if we are to convince anybody that we can contribute usefully to planning we must publish.

Members - pens at the ready - forward !

Ian Sefton

NEW MEMBERS

The society welcomes Mr & Mrs T.M. Pollett of Wheeler Heights.

RESEARCH OFFICER'S REPORT

November 1977

On 9/9/77 Mrs Fay Pettit of Roseville, a daughter of Dr Roy Wiburd, visited Jenolan. Mrs Pettit will approach her father for information that may be of value to our society,

On 16/10/77 Mrs J. Redgrave of Sutherland made a startling remark to me that she is a grand niece of James C. Wiburd and the name originally used to be Wiburger. During World War I a relative was interned because of the German name. Guide Frank McIver indicated that during the late 1930's people of the same name had a business dealing with ironmongery at Orange, N.S.W.

Another person, by the name of Brian Whybird, from Ipswich Queensland, visited Jenolan on 5/11/77 and made the claim of being a relative of James C. Wiburd, although the spelling of the name is completely different. Also in Queensland, a number of other relatives reside, and in recent times they had a family reunion. Mr Brian Whybird intends to gather family information and forward it to JCH&PS at a future date.

Dr David Hammill of Dubbo claims to be a distant relative of James C. Wiburd and has a pen and ink sketch of a kookaburra drawn by him. Dr Hammill is probably a grand nephew of J.C. Wiburd, and visited Jenolan in recent months.

R. Newbould

RECENT ACQUISITIONS

Lewis Webb, of Katoomba, a member of JCH&PS, has donated three packets of Murray's Snapshots of Jenolan, inside the caves as well as the reserve - 21 photographs in all.

The treasurer has passed on the last of the original edition of our occasional paper no. 2.

Bill Marks, a former guide at Jenolan, has donated a copy of Samuel Cook's *Jenolan Caves, An Australian Wonderland* and a map of the reserve dated 4/7/96.

From J.Callaghan, Curator.

RAFFLE

A raffle for two trays, made and donated by Mr Heiron, is now under way. Tickets are 20¢ each, or 3 for 50¢, available through Dick Guy at Jenolan or Sandra Martyn (Sydney, 660 0008). Books of 10 tickets are available to members on request. The raffle will be drawn at the meeting on 11 February.

MAPS

The prices for some maps from the Central Mapping Authority, available from the Treasurer, Dick Guy, at Jenolan, has gone up. Topographical and orthophoto maps are now \$1.80; State map, \$6 for the set of 4; 1:2M base map, Blue Labyrinth, SE & NE 1:1M Tourist maps, now 90¢. Other tourist maps and historical maps have not gone up. A new *Illawarra Map* (50¢) is available and unfolded copies of Mitchell's map can be obtained

MUSEUM

The local youngsters continue to do a fine job for the society; among them, they should have the museum open every day of the school holidays. Results look like being \$10 to \$25 per day in takings.

But we still need volunteers for weekends after the holidays. Please contact Ernie Holland, c/- Guides' Office, Jenolan Caves, to arrange times.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR PERIOD 1/10/77 TO 31/12/77

<u>RECEIPTS</u>			<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		
	<u>QUARTER</u>	<u>YEAR TO</u>		<u>QUARTER</u>	<u>YEAR TO</u>
	\$	DATE		\$	DATE
		\$			\$
<u>MEMBERSHIP</u>			<u>ADMINISTRATION</u>		
Ordinary	30.00	213.00	Secretary	4.74	7.00
Family	21.00	161.00	Treasurer	9.52	42.25
Student	<u>N11</u>	<u>8.00</u>	Newsletter	N11	27.73
	51.00	382.00	Cheque Book	<u>5.00</u>	<u>5.00</u>
				19.26	81.98
<u>OWN SALEABLE ITEMS</u>			<u>MUSEUM</u>		
Occas. Papers	79.00	140.50	Attendants' Exp.	84.00	219.00
Newsletters	N11	.50	Insurance	<u>N11</u>	<u>62.63</u>
Badges	N11	3.00		84.00	281.63
Postcards	24.40	48.50	<u>OWN SALEABLE ITEMS</u>		
Slides	10.55	14.50	Occas. Papers	N11	38.25
Souvenir Envelopes	<u>27.40</u>	<u>27.40</u>	Pamphlets	N11	2.50
	141.35	234.40	Souvenir Envelopes		
			.Envelopes-	36.80	N11
<u>OTHER SOCIETY BOOKS</u>			.Stamps -	<u>25.00</u>	<u>61.80</u>
Northern Limestone	45.00	60.00		61.80	102.55
Chillagoe	N11	6.00	<u>OTHER SOCIETY BOOKS</u>		
Timor	10.00	10.00	"Rope Techniques"	26.00	26.00
Speleo. Master Plan	N11	2.00	<u>MAPPING AUTHORITY</u>		
Cave M'gment Symp.	5.00	5.00		N11	226.80
Naracoorte	<u>9.00</u>	<u>9.00</u>			
	69.00	92.00			
<u>MAPS</u>		191.50			
		394.00			
<u>DONATIONS</u>					
Museum Entrance	63.33	122.93			
Competitions	27.40	66.20			
Other	<u>16.88</u>	<u>89.89</u>			
	107.61	279.02			
<u>MISCELLANEOUS</u>					
	N11	1.45			
<u>TOTAL RECEIPTS</u>	<u>560.46</u>	<u>1382.87</u>	<u>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</u>	<u>191.06</u>	<u>718.96</u>
<u>BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD</u>	<u>1389.11</u>	<u>1094.60</u>	<u>BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD</u>	<u>1758.51</u>	<u>1758.51</u>
	<u>1949.57</u>	<u>2477.47</u>		<u>1949.57</u>	<u>2477.47</u>

R.F. GUY
Honorary Treasurer

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MAY MEETING

The next general meeting of the Society will be held in Jenolan Caves House at 8-30 PM on

Saturday 27 May 1978.

Guest speaker will be Mr B.J.Hooker, Chief Cartographer of the Central Mapping Authority. He will talk about

The History of Mapping in New South Wales .

A few years ago the Central Mapping Authority moved its headquarters from Sydney to Bathurst, where it produces a wide range of maps covering New South Wales. Amongst their recent publications are reproductions of Sir Thomas Mitchell's map of the colony and a 'Plan of the Town of Sydney' drawn by convict James Meehan in 1807.

Business. In this issue we publish a draft policy statement for the development and conservation of the Jenolan Caves Reserve. This will be presented to the meeting for discussion.

Committee Meeting. The committee will meet at 4-00 PM on 27 May in the Jenolan Caves school.

YOUR LAST NEWSLETTER ?

Some of our esteemed members have not paid their subscriptions for the current year, July 1977 to June 1978. We have kept sending this NEWSLETTER but with current costs we can't go on forever. So this is the last one on 1976-77 subscriptions.

If there is a cross in this box, our records show that you were unfinancial on 3 April 1978.



Please send your renewal (plus the 1978-79 subscription ?) to the Treasurer, JCH&PS, c/- PO Jenolan Caves 2790, as soon as possible.

Rates: One member : \$ 5.00 p.a.
 Family : \$ 7.00
 Full time student: \$ 2.00 .

JENOLAN CAVES MASTER PLAN

At the last meeting a subcommittee of Ben Nurse, John Culley and John Dunkley as convenor was appointed to draft a policy statement on the Society's attitude to the proposals contained in the Jenolan Caves Master Plan Report.

Lengthy discussions were held at Jenolan and in Sydney early in March and a draft statement of policy is now attached. We suggest that members consider carefully the implications and that further discussions be held at a meeting as soon as practicable.

COMMENTS

The Jenolan Caves Master Plan Report contains principles and proposals which may well influence public and official attitudes to the development of the caves between now and the end of the century. It was supposed to be released for public discussion but has always been hard to obtain and is now rapidly assuming the status of a working document, a *fait accompli*.

In the circumstances, the Society seems to have devoted disturbingly little time to consideration of the future, to the preservation of Jenolan Caves. In fact, one looks hard to find the Society's objectives in the area of 'preservation'. Some three years after its release, the Society still has no policy on the Master Plan.

WHAT IS THE WORD 'PRESERVATION' IN OUR NAME FOR, ANYWAY? IS IT JUST PRESERVATION OF HISTORICAL BUILDINGS AND RELICS? WHAT ABOUT THE CAVES? WOULD 'CONSERVATION' EXPRESS OUR AIMS BETTER THAN 'PRESERVATION'?

DRAFT POLICY STATEMENT

1. The Jenolan Caves should be seen as a major Australian heritage. Accordingly, the caves system should be the centre of planning; all other developments should be subordinate to this.
2. Thorough research should precede all proposed development. Where appropriate, the Society should contribute its members' expertise.
3. In particular, the Society should be consulted during the planning stage where any proposal to alter or remove items of historical value is made.
4. The direction of future tourist development should be towards improvement of the quality and variety of the experience. This should include the opportunity for an appreciation of the colourful history of Jenolan.
5. The caves have reached maximum capacity already in terms of daily throughput and in terms of maximum size and frequency of inspections. Different forms of promotion should be undertaken to encourage spreading of the peaks of visitation more evenly over the year.
6. There should be research and investment in a continuous programme of maintenance, cleaning and regeneration, to minimise the long-term deterioration of the caves.
7. Action should be taken to extend the Reserve boundary to the headwaters of the Jenolan River so as to encompass the entire catchment area upstream of Blue Lake.

Received from *John Dunkley*.

MUSEUM

Thanks largely to the efforts of Leslie Newbould, Deidre Holland, Derek Holland and Bill Buckley, the museum opened 31 days (out of a possible 36) between Boxing Day and Australia Day. Total receipts through the museum for that period were \$349.34, an average of \$11.27 per day. Museum entry donations for the December quarter were \$63.33, but that jumped to \$110.96 for the quarter ended 31/3/78.

The curators have removed the copy of Trickett's map from the museum, because it was being handled too much. Ben Nurse is getting a new copy. Titling cards have been purchased and the work of cataloguing the Society's collection is progressing.

The committee is concerned at the deterioration of the old post office building. Paint is starting to flake away and sagging foundations are causing some holes to open up. Paul Richards is trying to organise some paint and we have been seeking departmental assistance

VOLUNTEERS TO MAN THE MUSEUM ARE STILL
REQUIRED. CONTACT ERNIE HOLLAND AT
JENOLAN CAVES.

RAFFLES

Our latest raffle has a prize of an open order for goods to the value of \$25.00, kindly donated by Miss M.A. Merrell who lives in far-away Queensland. Tickets at 20 cents each are available from treasurer, Dick Guy, at Jenolan, or from Sydney agent, Sandra Martyn, 94 Glebe Point Road, Glebe 2037 (phone 660 0008).

The raffle for a framed photograph of Jeremiah Wilson's old accommodation house, donated by Sandra Martyn, was drawn by Mrs Rooney and won by Ian Sefton. At the February meeting two trays, made and donated by Mr Heiron, were raffled and won by D. Bryant and M. Barrett.

COMMITTEE CHANGES

The committee has accepted, with regret, the resignation of Sandra Heaney, who has moved to South Australia. Sandra has been publicity officer for some years and helped to organise smoke concerts and other activities.

Secretary, Graham Morrison, is going overseas for four months. In his absence, Barry Richard, who lives at Jenolan, will carry out the secretarial duties until the annual general meeting in August. Richard Stacey has indicated that he will be unable to continue as assistant secretary, due to pressure of work.

RESEARCH OFFICER'S REPORT

One very important acquisition gained by the society on 25/11/1977 was the very much sought after book, *The Whalans in Australia 1791-1969*, which the treasurer handed over to me on receiving the article. I have scanned through parts of the book and would like to pass it on to the meeting today.

The *Sands Directory, 1921* I had passed on to the past assistant research officer some time ago.

I would like to hand over to the curators the material which Mr Clegg submitted to me on 13 August 1977. There are two articles, *Pioneers - Hughes and Whalan, 1949*, and *The Late Charles Whalan of Oberon*.

I received a letter from Mrs Pettit who indicated that she will bring her father to visit Jenolan and we can have a discussion with him. He is Dr Roy Wiburd.

On 20/1/1978 I had talks with Mr Glasse of Port Macquarie who claims his predecessor built the original accommodation house at Jenolan. His great grandmother camped on the spot where Caves House is today. That is all the information he could give.

With reference to the first female child claimed to have visited a dark cave at Jenolan, information gained by staff at Jenolan Caves leads us to Elder Cave. The period is about 1858. Three different families have requested information on this matter.

R. Newbould 11 February 1978

REGISTER OF EXPERTS

The Society wishes to compile a list of members and others who have special knowledge or skills which may be of use to the Society in preparing submissions for the conservation and development of the Jenolan Caves Reserve as well as other aspects of the Society's activities. The range of skills and interests could be vast; some which come to mind are cave management, tourism, traffic management, park management, pollution control, speleology, ecology, natural history, other natural sciences, historical research, publishing etc. etc.

Please send a summary of your interests and qualifications to Barry Richard, c/- Post Office Jenolan Caves 2790.

PUBLICATIONS

The society has published several occasional papers, which are available from the treasurer (Dick Guy) or the assistant treasurer (Keith Oliver) at Jenolan. They are :

- No. 1. *Steam Cleaning of the Orient Cave* by Ron Newbould,
- No. 2. *The Discovery of the Imperial Cave* by Noel Rawlinson,
- No. 3. *The Discovery of the Barralong Cave* by Ron Newbould,
- No. 4. *The Binoomea Cut* by Ian Driscoll.

These are priced at 50 cents each. If ordering by mail postage is 30¢ extra.

The Society also sells various publications of the speleological societies. Currently available are :

<i>The Cavés of Jenolan 2 : The Northern Limestone</i> (SUSS)	\$5.00,
<i>Single Rope Techniques</i> , by N.Montgomery (SSS)	\$7.50,
<i>Chillagoe Caves</i> (SSS)	\$3.00,
<i>Timor Caves</i> (SSS)	\$5.00,
<i>Bungonia Caves</i> (SSS)	\$10.00 .

Postage is extra on all these items.

The Society is an agent for all maps published by the Central Mapping Authority of New South Wales. Buying your maps through us helps the Society's funds; you get them for the normal price and we get the commission. Lists have been published in previous NEWSLETTERS, and Dick Guy has a catalogue.

NEW MEMBERS

The Society welcomes the following new members.

- Mr N. Michie of Beacon Hill.
 - Mr & Mrs C. Waight of Llandilo (rejoined).
 - Mr & Mrs T.P.Morgan of Jenolan Caves.
 - Mr M. Dunn of Jenolan Caves.
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SNIPPETS

The new manager of Jenolan Caves House is Mr W. Rooney.

The first female guide at Jenolan was Therese Holland who worked as a casual last summer.

The Society hopes to produce a pamphlet on the flora and fauna of the Jenolan Caves Reserve.

Lithgow Regional Library has produced a Bibliographical Guide to the Jenolan-Hampton/Lowther - Oberon area. John Dunkley has produced a bibliography on the history of Jenolan. The first part published covers the speleological literature.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR PERIOD 1/1/78 TO 31/3/78

<u>RECEIPTS</u>			<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		
	<u>QUARTER</u>	<u>YEAR TO</u>		<u>QUARTER</u>	<u>YEAR TO</u>
	§	DATE		§	DATE
		§			§
<u>MEMBERSHIP</u>					
Ordinary	30.00	243.00	<u>ADMINISTRATION</u>		
Family	35.00	196.00	Secretary	2.10	9.10
Student	<u>Nil</u>	8.00	Treasurer	11.54	53.79
	65.00	447.00	Newsletter	44.25	71.98
<u>OWN SALEABLE ITEMS</u>					
Occas. Papers	55.00	195.50	Cheque Book	<u>Nil</u>	5.00
Newsletters	.25	.75	Postage-SSS Books	.85	.85
Badges	1.00	4.00		58.74	140.72
Postcards	20.00	68.50	<u>MUSEUM</u>		
Slides	14.85	29.35	Attendants' Exp.	189.00	408.00
Souvenir Envelopes	<u>62.80</u>	91.20	Insurance	<u>Nil</u>	62.63
	154.90	389.30		189.00	470.63
<u>OTHER SOCIETY BOOKS</u>					
Northern Limestone	35.00	95.00	<u>OWN SALEABLE ITEMS</u>		
Chillagoe	<u>Nil</u>	6.00	Occas. Papers	18.35	56.60
Timor	5.00	15.00	Pamphlets	<u>Nil</u>	2.50
Bungonia	10.00	10.00	Souvenir Envelopes		
Speleo. Master Plan	<u>Nil</u>	2.00	.Envelopes- Nil		35.80
Cave M'gment Symp.	<u>Nil</u>	5.00	.Stamps -25.00	25.00	50.00
Haraccorte	9.00	18.00		43.35	145.90
	59.00	151.00	<u>OTHER SOCIETY BOOKS</u>		
<u>MAPS</u>					
	357.40	751.40	Rope Techniques	<u>Nil</u>	26.00
<u>DONATIONS</u>					
Museum Entrance	110.96	233.89	Timor Caves	42.50	42.50
Competitions	65.60	131.80	Chillagoe Caves	12.75	12.75
Other	<u>60.26</u>	150.15	Speleo. Map Index	3.40	3.40
	236.82	515.84	Northern Limestone	90.00	90.00
<u>MISCELLANEOUS</u>					
	<u>Nil</u>	1.45	Bungonia Caves	40.00	188.65
				188.65	40.00
<u>TOTAL RECEIPTS</u>	<u>873.12</u>	<u>2255.99</u>	<u>MAPPING AUTHORITY</u>		
				251.50	478.30
<u>BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD</u>	<u>1758.51</u>	<u>1094.60</u>	<u>SUBSCRIPTIONS</u>		
	<u>2631.63</u>	<u>3350.59</u>	R.A.H.S.	17.50	17.50
			<u>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</u>	<u>748.74</u>	<u>1467.70</u>
			<u>BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD</u>	<u>1882.89</u>	<u>1882.89</u>
				<u>2631.63</u>	<u>3350.59</u>

R.F. GUY

Honorary Treasurer

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Society will be held in Jenolan Caves House at 8-30 PM on

Saturday 12 August 1978.

Business

1. Amendments to the constitution to alter the Society's financial year, date of the Annual General Meeting and subscription arrangements. See notices on pp 4-6 of this issue.
2. Annual reports.
3. Election of office bearers and committee.

Policy

4. The draft policy statement, published in our last NEWSLETTER, will be presented for discussion and adoption.

Brother Nicholas

Well-known international speleologist and lecturer, Bro. Nicholas Sullivan, will be visiting Australia during August. He has been invited to attend our meeting and speak on a subject of his own choice. As we go to press we have not heard from Bro. Nicholas, but we are reasonably confident that he will be able to join us.

Committee Meeting

The committee will meet in the Jenolan Caves School at 4-00 PM on 12 August.

MUSEUM SUPERVISORS

The Society always needs volunteers to open our old post office museum. Members who travel to Jenolan for this purpose can claim an expense allowance on school holidays and weekends. This is one way of showing your practical support for the Society.

Please contact Ernie Holland, c/- Guides' Office, Jenolan Caves, to make arrangements for your visit.

ACTIVITIES REPORT

RESEARCH

Research officer, Ron Newbould, is compiling a list of managers of Jenolan Caves House and Reserve.

ACQUISITIONS

The curators have received two identification plates from the old boiler house. A copy of the 1922 edition of Trickett's guide book to Jenolan has been donated by Miss Y. Gillespie.

Mr. W. Heiron has donated 100 negatives taken by Mr. Bradley. Keith Oliver is checking through these before handing them over to Mr & Mrs Pemble, who will arrange prints for display in the old post office. Mr J. Pemble has presented a photograph of J. Wiburd with rock wallabies in the Grand Arch. Mr. Heiron is framing this picture for display in the Guides' Office.

The curators have also received an 1866 parish map and a booklet, *All About Jenolan Caves, A pocket compendium for the Information of Visitors.*

FUND RAISING

The competition for an open order to the value of \$25 was drawn at the May meeting and was won by Dr. Segasothy, c/- Renal Unit, Royal Newcastle Hospital. The prize was donated by Miss M. Merrell and total ticket sales realised \$67.50.

Win a Casette Case

Mr. W. Heiron has made and donated a cassette case for our current competition. Tickets are 20 cents each or 3 per 50 cents. Books of 10 tickets are available from Treasurer, Dick Guy, c/- Guides' Office, Jenolan Caves. The draw will take place at the AGM on 12 August.

NEW MEMBERS

The society welcomes the following new members :

Miss G. Pettigrew,	Jenolan Caves
Mr J. Bonwick,	Emu Plains
Mr P. Reynolds,	Seven Hills
Mr B.E. Mitchell,	Riverwood
Mrs M. & Miss F. Martin,	Pennant Hills

CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS

Did you remember that the society intends to celebrate a most important event of Jenolan's history in February next year? The occasion is the centenary of the discovery of the Imperial Cave by Jeremiah Wilson and others on February 16th 1879.

A committee has been formed to plan the programme and we are seeking ideas from you on what form of activity we should develop during the week 10th to 17th February. (These dates are tentative.)

Some of the ideas already offered are:

Photographic exhibitions - one at Caves House and one at the Government Tourist Bureau in Sydney;

Historical walks and talks to McKeown's Valley, Lucas Rocks, Sole of the Boot, Elder Cave entrance, the Six-foot Track - any others?

Fancy dress ball and supper at Caves House;

A celebration dinner;

An historical inspection of the Imperial Cave and/or the Jersey Cave - this could also be in period costume;

A push bike ride from the Opera House (or Mount Victoria railway station) to the Caves.

Are you inspired or interested? Let's have your ideas and offers of assistance and participation as soon as possible. Talk to Dick Guy at the guides' office or, in Sydney, ring Bill Buckley at home on 76 9287, at work on 70 4945.

Bill Buckley

EXTRACT: REPORT OF THE STATE POLLUTION CONTROL COMMISSION
for the year ended 30 June 1977.

4.6 Jenolan Caves

The Commission has been requested by the Government to undertake an environmental assessment of tourist development proposals at the Jenolan Caves.

These proposals were outlined in the Jenolan Caves Master Plan Report, completed after consultation with a number of authorities and other interested bodies.

The proposal involves an increase and updating of accommodation, the establishment of a more adequate information centre, provision of cable car access with supporting parking, and some overnight camping and caravanning facilities away from the caves. The report also covers management and protection of the caves and the reserve.

The Commission examined this report and outlined aspects that will need additional coverage in the environmental impact statement now being prepared.

NOTICES OF MOTION

At the May General Meeting, I gave notice that I would be presenting for decision at the Annual General Meeting, a number of motions, which would, if accepted, bring about significant changes in our meeting dates and the Society's financial and membership year.

The changes being proposed are the result of a suggestion that the Society should change the date of its Annual General Meeting from August to February, a suggestion that has come from more than one member. The main reason given has been that the Jenolan climate in winter is fairly harsh. I am informed that in order to attend three of the last four Annual General Meetings, members have had to contend with snow and rain. This in itself may well be the reason why our Annual General Meetings are not well attended. All things being equal, the February climate would be much more conducive of more of the membership being in attendance.

Additionally, some difficulty has been experienced by members wishing to stay at Caves House during the Annual General Meeting weekend. This is by reason of the fact that it is close to the August School holidays in N.S.W., and schools in other States often begin holidays well before N.S.W. With a change to a February meeting, such problems should be diminished as, in all States, the school year has well and truly begun by then.

As well as the obvious changes to meetings dates, the following motions also allow for notice of meetings to be given in the Newsletter and not by pre-paid letter as at present.

Acceptance of the change of the Annual General Meeting from August to February, would obviously require a change in the Society's Financial and Subscription year from the present July/June basis to a January/December basis. Motions related to election of Office-bearers, Treasurer's Financial Statement and payment of subscriptions are provided for consideration.

On the subject of 'Subscriptions' I am proposing that the period of grace for payment of subscriptions be reduced from twelve months to six months. The Newsletter Editor has often commented about the costs involved in production and distribution of the Newsletter. We experience a turnover of membership each year and it is my observation that very few memberships which are unfinancial after six months, are renewed during the second six months of the financial year.

Included in the motions under the heading 'Subscriptions' is a proposal to introduce the option of FIVE YEAR membership of the Society, at a concessional rate of FOUR TIMES the annual subscription rate.

I believe that this would result in better retention of membership, and also be more convenient for many members by removing the need to pay membership fees annually.

From the purely financial point of view, if availed of by a good number of members, the Society's accumulated funds would receive a considerable lift. It has always been an aim of the Society to expand Museum facilities, the only restraining factor at present being the much discussed Master Plan. Whether or not we eventually build in the vicinity of the Old Post Office, or whether space is provided in Caves House for Museum facilities, the Society must be ready to act without delay. This is going to require large amounts of money, if only for the purchase of display units.

The amendment to the Constitution concerning 'Accounts' is simply to regularise our investing a proportion of our funds in the NSW Permanent Building Society, at present \$1500.

A full list of the proposals follows :

1. AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION - ITEM 5 "ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING"

That this clause be amended to read :

"The annual General Meeting shall be held within two months of the end of the financial year ending 31st December. At least 28 days notice of such meeting shall be given to each member in the Society's Newsletter, posted to his/her last known address but accidental omission to give Notice to any member shall not invalidate the meeting."

2. AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION - ITEM 6 "ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING"

That this clause be amended to read :

"An ordinary General Meeting shall be held on the second Saturday of the months of May, August and November, unless the Committee otherwise determines. At least 28 days notice of such meeting shall be given to each member in the Society's Newsletter, posted to his/her last known address but accidental omission to give notice to any member shall not invalidate the meeting."

3. AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION - ITEM 10 "ACCOUNTS"

That this clause be amended to read :

"The Society shall keep true accounts of the moneys received and expended by the Society. All monies received shall be deposited in the Society's bank account. The Committee may authorise investment of a proportion of the Society's accumulated funds in Permanent Building Societies at Call, or in Fixed Term bank accounts. Cheques/withdrawals on all accounts in the Society's name are to be signed by any two of the President, Secretary and Treasurer."

4. AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION - ITEM 4 "SUBSCRIPTIONS"

That this clause be amended to read :

"The subscription shall be determined from time to time by the Committee. A member who fails to pay his/her annual subscription within six months of the commencement of the then current financial year shall automatically cease to be a member but shall be readmitted on payment of all arrears due by him/her to the Society."

5. SUBSCRIPTIONS

i) That the annual subscription to the Society be :

- . Single membership (except as provided under Family membership) - \$5 per year
- . Family membership - \$5 per year for one member of the family PLUS \$2 per year for each additional member of the same immedaite family seeking membership
- . Student membership (including Tertiary) - \$2 per year

ii) That FIVE YEAR membership of the Society be offered to interested persons, subscription being FOUR TIMES the annual subscription rates, and that such persons be advised accordingly by individual letter upon expiry of such membership. Further that Concessional Cave Inspection Tickets be sent to such members with the first Newsletter issuing after the commencement of the Society's financial year.

iii) Subject to approval of the amendments to Clauses 5 and 6 of the Constitution, That subscriptions due by current members of the Society and paid on or after the date of the Annual General Meeting (12/8/78) be deemed to cover the period 1/7/78 to 31/12/79 and be one and a half times the rates stated in item (i), and that membership will be treated as having ceased, in the event of non-payment of the following year's subscription, as stated in item (i), by 30th June, 1980, the same to apply to new members joining prior to 1/10/78.

Also that in the case of subscriptions paid up until the date of the Annual General Meeting on 12th August, 1978, for the twelve months ending 30/6/79, such members will be invoiced for half the annual subscription rate, in the first Newsletter issued after 30/6/79, and they be advised that membership will cease on 31/12/79 in the event of non-payment.

6. TREASURER'S FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Subject to approval of the amendments to Clauses 5 and 6 of the Constitution, That the Society's financial records be closed off as at 31/12/78, and an audited Statement of Receipts and Expenditure prepared for presentation at the Annual General Meeting in February, 1979.

7. ELECTION OF OFFICE-BEARERS

That the abovementioned proposed amendments to Clauses 4, 5, 6 and 10 of the Constitution of the Society, be considered by the Annual General Meeting on 12th August, 1978, PRIOR to election of office-bearers, and that if approved by the meeting, such office-bearers subsequently elected hold office for a SIX MONTHS period until February, 1979.

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JENOLAN CAVES

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NOVEMBER MEETING

The next general meeting of the Society will be held in Jenolan Caves House at 8-00 PM on

Saturday 11 November 1978.

Business. The principal item of business will be the draft policy statement which was published in the April NEWSLETTER.

This an important meeting which will determine the future direction of the society's activities and policies. Your attendance and participation are needed.

Committee Meeting

The committee will meet in Jenolan Caves School at 4-00 PM on Saturday 11 November.

IMPERIAL CAVE CENTENARY

10 - 18 February 1979

Preparations are well advanced for the celebration of the centenary of the discovery of the Imperial Cave. On page 2 we print a progress report from Bill Buckley. Since that report was written we have received some further advice from members of the planning committee.

- ** There will be two film and slide nights, covering caves not open to the public, during the celebration week.
- ** Children's activities are being planned.
- ** A demonstration of caving and rock-climbing techniques is planned for Sunday 18 February.

Accommodation at Caves House may be booked out soon. But don't despair. The Half-Way House Hotel-Motel at Hampton can offer you comfortable hotel or motel style accommodation. The phone number is Hampton 1.

SUBSCRIPTIONS - IMPORTANT NOTICE ON PAGE 3

IMPERIAL CAVE CENTENARY CELEBRATION COMMITTEE
PROGRESS REPORT

Your committee has met several times over the last three months and is making some progress towards a programme.

It is intended to have several days of activities during the period of 10th to 18th February inclusive and, whilst the actual days and times of some events are not yet finalised, we hope that the programme outlined below is sufficient in detail to arouse your enthusiasm and cause you and yours to participate in some, if not all, of the celebrations,

- ** Nature and Historical Guided Walks to some or all of the following.
 - * McKeown's Valley
 - * Weir Track to the Hydro, including a talk on past and present power-generating plants
 - * Walks through the Grand Arch and Coach House
 - * The Six-foot Track, from the top of the Five-mile Hill (8 km Hill just doesn't seem right) to the Caves House - one of the early methods of access to the caves - walking !!

These walks would be in the range of 1½ to 2 hours duration.

- ** Inspections of the (Right) Imperial Cave with a commentary leaning towards the history of the cave system - the old entrances revisited etc.
- ** Inspections of the Architect's Studio and Shambles area of the Chifley Cave (nee Left Imperial).
- ** These cave inspections will be held many times over the period, with souvenir tickets being issued (after payment) to adults, as a memento of the occasion.

On Saturday 17th :-

- ** A re-enactment of the discovery of the Imperial Cave with a commentary to suit the occasion.
- ** A concert by the Lithgow City Band.
- ** Unveiling of a commemorative plaque in the Imperial Cave.
- ** Celebration Dinner in the Caves House followed by a dance in the Ballroom.

On Sunday 18th :-

- ** A non-denominational Church Service in the Cathedral Cave.

As it is hoped that the whole week's activities will receive advance publicity from the Dept of Tourism and the news media it is essential that you, as members, make your accommodation and travel arrangements as soon as possible. We, after all, should not be the ones who miss out. So, if you know what you are doing during that week, **BOOK NOW**, you *and your friends* !!

Last bit of advice - tickets for the Dinner must be limited to the seating capacity of the Dining Room and will be sold as they are applied for; so book early. Unfortunately we have not yet set the price for the Dinner/Dance but it will be only the amount required to cover the costs of the dinner and the band.

CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS - continued

The dance will be open to all and those who do not attend the dinner will be expected to pay only for the dance and supper ticket.

** Don't forget the photographic display at the Dept of Tourism, 16 Spring St, Sydney and at Caves House for three weeks, commencing Monday 22 January !!

Bill Buckley

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscriptions became due on 1 July 1978. So far not many members have renewed. Please note that, following the constitutional changes made at the AGM, the Society's year now runs from January to December.

If a cross appears at the foot of page 1, our records show that you were not financial on 8 October 1978. To renew please pay according to the table below.

	<u>To Dec. '78</u>	<u>To Dec. '79</u>
Single member	\$2.50	\$7.50
Each additional member in the family at the same address	\$1.00	\$3.00
Full-time student or pensioner	\$1.00	\$3.00

Renewals, with details of members' names, should be sent to Membership Secretary, Mrs J. Oliver, c/- Post Office, Jenolan Caves 2790.

Please note that the period of grace for payment of subscriptions has been reduced from one year to six months, so that if you don't renew for the current year, this will be your last NEWSLETTER.

MUSEUM MINDERS WANTED

MUSEUM OPERATORS ARE NEEDED URGENTLY.

Since last July the museum has been opened on only five occasions. What has happened to the initial enthusiasm for the Society?

Remember that we can help with expenses if you are prepared to put in the time to go to Jenolan.

Volunteers should check with Dick Guy or Ernie Holland or any other member of the committee based at Jenolan.

NEW MEMBERS

The Society welcomes the following new members.

Mr & Mrs R.N. Malone,	Dundas
Mrs I. Barrett,	Strathfield
Mr & Mrs A. David,	Epping
Mr V. Jeffreys,	Terry Hills
Mr & Mrs R. Steward,	Kyle Bay
Mr & Mrs O. Batchelor,	Penrith

CURATORS' REPORT AUGUST 1978

In presenting the annual report of the Curators for 1977-78 we are very pleased to advise the members of JCH&PS that all items belonging to the society have been accessed. We have attached a list of all important items. Among the items not on that list are letters pertaining to the inaugural meeting and the formation of the society as well as numerous old light globes and switch boards which are stored in the Chifley Cave. Light globes and switch boards are still being found from time to time by the guides. These items will be stored in the cave until such time as there is a suitable area to store and display them. All other items are stored in the Bush Fire Shed, Guides' Office and the Tractor Shed.

Since our last meeting we have received another copy of Trickett's Guide Book, 1922, from Miss Y. Gillespie of Chatswood.

The Dept of Tourism auditors, checking on the store activities for 1977-78, uncovered some old silverware used in Caves House - tea pots, coffee pots etc., eleven items in all. These are now the property of the society.

From the Engineer's Dept at Jenolan Caves we have received a highway sign planned by ex-carpenter D. Townsend, an old vice used in the original workshop,

An old silky-oak towel dryer and a pine mantle piece have been received from S.O'Gorman.

Today (12/8/78) we received a filing cabinet for storing historical items. This cabinet will be kept in a room in Caves House.

J. Culley, J.P. Callaghan

APPENDIX. THE MARVELLOUS LIST OF HISTORICAL ITEMS

1 swing-lens camera	1 stereoscopic viewer & 48 views
19 plans & maps of Jenolan, Yarrangobilly & Wombeyan Caves	20 copies Panorama, Ansett Airlines
1 tariff card, 1948	1 compass
6 coloured menus, 1949	1 gold pocket clock
1 cream separator	3 brochures, Jenolan Caves
1 kerosene chicken hatcher	1 manuscript, <i>Discovery of Jenolan Caves</i> , Samuel Whalan.
1 Dailey Motor Excursions brochure	Writings, post cards & photographs used by B.T. Dunlop
Souvenir programmes of Smoke Concerts	Historical papers of Charles Whalan & Hughes family
1 Jenolan Caves House Information sheet, 1955	Name plates from old boiler house
Caves House menu autographed by Joan Sutherland	68 photographs displayed in the Old Post Office
1 tea measure marked Jenolan Caves	1 cassette of official opening of Old Post Office Museum
1 pyramid switch board	1 model of caves on northern side of Grand Arch
6 letters, Wiburd & Trickett	
1 pack of playing cards with the Broken Column	

 CURATORS' REPORT continued

3 candle holders	1 towel rack, 1880, English
1 single furrow mould board plow	60 old bottles
1 harrow line scarifier	66 post cards
1 horse collar & harness	327 photographs
1 wheelwright's tool (runner)	BOOKS:
2 fire irons	2 Australian Wonderland
1 cast iron kettle	1 Nature's Masterpiece
1 fire breast plate	1 NSW Views
2 wall-mounted telephones	1 Men of Jenolan, B.Ralston
1 Morse code plan, remains of Morse set & batteries	1 Limestone Deposits of NSW, 1919
1 set of scales & weights	1 Bungonia Caves
1 certificate of merit	1 Tourist Guide of Blue Mtns & Jenolan Caves, Mountain Devil Tours, Katoomba
1 map, Oliver Tickett	1 Bungonia Caves
1 cow bell	3 Guide Books, Jenolan Caves, O.Trickett
3 lamps for horse-drawn carriage	1 Blue Mountains & Jenolan Caves, Frank Hurley
1 branding iron	1 Whalans in Australia
1 fire poker & tongs	1 Historical Blackheath
1 pedal organ	1 Sands Directory
1 calcite display cabinet	2 Wages books, Jenolan Caves House
1 dual lens	
1 rifle	
old silverware from Caves House	
1 highway sign	
1 workshop vice	
1 pine mantlepiece	

RAFFLES

The winner of the last raffle, for a cassette case, was Paul Richards.

The current raffle is for a coffee table, again made and donated by Mr W. Heiron. Tickets are 20 cents each, or three for 50¢. They are available from Dick Guy, c/- Guides' Office, Jenolan Caves, or from Sandra Martyn in Sydney, phone 660 0008.

Ticket sellers are also required. Please contact Dick or Sandra.

The raffle will be drawn at the November meeting, provided that we sell enough tickets.

CONTACTS

Secretary : Barry Richard (acting while Graham Morrison is overseas) .
 Treasurer : Keith Oliver .
 Assistant Treasurer (sales) : Dick Guy.
 Membership Secretary : Jenny Oliver.

All these people can be contacted at Jenolan Caves.

EXTRACTS FROM	TREASURER'S REPORT		August 1978	
<u>REVENUE</u>		1977/78		1976/77
	\$			\$
<u>MEMBERSHIP</u>				
Ordinary	303.00		160.00	
Family	238.00		189.00	
Student	<u>10.00</u>	551.00	<u>10.00</u>	359.00
<u>SALES - OWN ITEMS</u>				
Occasional Papers	232.50		203.00	
Newsletters	0.75		0.75	
Badges	8.00		3.00	
Postcards	90.90		26.60	
Slides	35.90		15.00	
Souvenir envelopes	<u>129.60</u>	497.65	<u>65.80</u>	314.15
<u>SALES - OTHER PUBLICATIONS</u>		189.00		279.50
<u>MAPS</u>		1180.30		90.50
<u>ADMISSIONS - MUSEUM</u>		324.43		152.28
<u>FUNCTIONS - Smoke Concerts</u>		nil		156.65
<u>DONATIONS</u>				
Competition ticket sales	199.30		62.80	
Anonymous	20.36			
W. Buckley	10.00			
Mrs J. Dunkley	9.00			
S. Heaney	18.00			
Masonic meeting	29.06			
M. Merrell (competition prize)	25.00			
N. Miles	25.00			
B. McGuire	9.00			
B. Nurse	18.00			
R. Stacey	9.00			
Sundry	<u>16.58</u>	388.30	<u>153.41</u>	216.21
<u>INTEREST</u>				
Commonwealth Savings Bank	21.11		32.23	
NSW Permanent Building Society	<u>61.75</u>	82.86	<u>nil</u>	32.23
<u>COMMISSIONS</u>		nil		1.00
<u>MISCELLANEOUS</u>				
Provision for postage		1.75		0.10
<u>TOTAL REVENUE</u>		<u>3215.29</u>		<u>1601.62</u>
<u>BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD</u>		1094.60		957.42
		<u>4309.89</u>		<u>2559.04</u>

TREASURER'S REPORT (continued)
EXPENDITURE

	\$	\$	\$	\$
<u>ADMINISTRATION</u>				
Secretarial Expenses	12.00			
Newsletter Expenses	95.10		213.02	
Treasurer's Expenses	66.63		35.23	
Speleological publications, postage	0.85			
Cheque book	5.00	179.58	5.00	253.25
<u>MUSEUM</u>				
Display	nil		225.62	
Equipment	nil		32.00	
Attendants' expenses	483.00		231.00	
Insurance	62.63	543.63	92.75	581.37
<u>PUBLICITY</u>				
Map Display - lock	9.00		nil	
Pamphlets	12.50	21.50	5.00	5.00
<u>FUNCTIONS</u>				
Smoke Concerts	nil		108.10	
Competition Prize -open order	25.00	25.00	nil	108.10
<u>SUBSCRIPTIONS RAHS</u>				
		17.50		17.50
<u>SALEABLE ITEMS - OWN</u>				
Occasional Papers	107.51		43.55	
Souvenir envelopes & stamps	86.80	194.31	25.00	68.55
<u>MAPS</u>				
		870.50		111.95
<u>SALEABLE ITEMS - OTHER ORGANISATIONS</u>				
		303.40		318.72
<u>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</u>				
		2157.42		1464.44
<u>BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD</u>				
		2152.47		1094.60
		4309.89		2559.04

The extracts above are an abbreviated form of the statement of income and expenditure in the annual report prepared by Dick Guy. The full report is six foolscap pages of detailed analysis. Copies can be had from Dick or from the Newsletter editor.

Dick has relinquished the post of treasurer after four years, setting a high standard to follow. The society expresses its appreciation for the very thorough work which Dick has done.

THIS SPACE IS AVAILABLE TO CONTRIBUTORS. IF WE GET A LOT OF CONTRIBUTIONS WE CAN INCREASE THE SIZE OF THE NEWSLETTER. PERHAPS YOU WOULD LIKE TO WRITE A LETTER TO THE EDITOR

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR PERIOD 1.7.78 TO 30.9.78

<u>RECEIPTS</u>		<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	
<u>MEMBERSHIP</u>		<u>ADMINISTRATION</u>	
Ordinary	20.00	Newsletter Expenses -	24.67
Family	104.00	Treasurers Expenses -	12.99
Student	<u>NIL</u> 124.00	Cheque Book	- <u>5.00</u> 42.66
<u>SALES - OWN ITEMS</u>		<u>MUSEUM</u>	
Occasional Papers	52.50	Attendants Expenses -	45.00
Postcards	27.60	Stationery Cupboard	- <u>125.00</u> 170.00
Slides	5.50	<u>MAPPING AUTHORITY</u> 373.40	
Souvenir Envelopes	<u>19.40</u> 105.00		
<u>SALES - OTHER SOCIETYS</u>			
S.S.S. BOOKS	3.00		
S.U.S.S. Books	<u>20.00</u> 23.00		
<u>ADMISSIONS</u>			
Museum	31.24		
<u>MAPS</u>			
	396.10		
<u>DONATIONS</u>			
Competition	38.60		
A. Badman	10.00		
J. Pemble	9.00		
J. Bryant	9.00		
Sundry	<u>4.84</u> 71.44		
<u>MISCELLANEOUS</u>			
Postage	.30		
<u>TOTAL RECEIPTS</u>	<u>\$ 751.08</u>	<u>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</u>	<u>\$ 586.06</u>
<u>BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD</u>	<u>\$2152.47</u>	<u>BALANCE CARRIED FORWARD</u>	<u>\$2317.49</u>
	<u>\$2903.55</u>		<u>\$2903.55</u>

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COME BACK

WE DON'T WANT TO LOSE YOU

Since last July many of our esteemed members have become unfinancial. As this may be due to oversight we are sending this NEWSLETTER to all our friends, but if a cross appears in the box below we would like to receive your subscription.

We would also like to remind you of the benefits of membership.

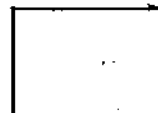
- * This NEWSLETTER.
- * Four half-price cave inspection coupons each year. This alone is worth at least \$4.
- * Activities for members, such as the highly successful Imperial Cave Centenary Celebrations held this year. Similar activities are being planned for the future.
- * Participation in efforts to protect and preserve the Jenolan Caves and their environment. The Society needs concerned people to help formulate public policy and encourage discussion.
- * Regular quarterly meetings with talks, slide shows, films etc on historical and environmental topics.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscription rates are still cheap: \$5.00 per year for one person, plus \$2.00 for each additional member of the same family living at the same address. Students and pensioners can join for \$2.00 per year.

Since the society's financial year has been changed, subs are currently due for the period 1 July 1978 to 31 December 1979. Please send \$7.50 per single member plus \$3.00 each additional member to the Membership Secretary, Mrs J. Oliver, c/- P.O. Jenolan Caves 2790. *

If a big red cross appears here, our records show that you were not financial at 7 April 1979.



* Five year subs are available at 4 times the annual rate.

NOTICE OF MAY MEETING ON PAGE 3

THE CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS THE THOUGHTS OF A MEMBER REPORTING HIS IMPRESSIONS

The week got off to a good start on Saturday 10th February, reached some very dizzy heights during the evening of the 17th and soberly arrived at a grand finale on Sunday the 18th.

The Bush/History walks were well received and enjoyed by the public on the weekends but attendances fell away to practically nothing during the week.

The cave inspections of a special type, such as the candle-light inspections of the Chifley-Shambles area, were very well patronised and were always sold out.

It seemed to me that everyone at Jenolan, from Mr Rooney down to the line to the beaut lookin' sheila selling the pennants and manning (or should I say womaning?) the museum really got into the spirit of the event and made it happen as we all hoped it would.

A sight and sound to behold was the guides' working to get the organ into the Cathedral Cave for the church service and then out again; time in - 1 hour (to try and meet the starting time), time out - 1½ very trying hours. "Don't mark it - it's new - and watch the legs please" will be long remembered.

The re-enactments (3) of the discovery of the Imperial System were real gems of dramatic art, the first one especially so when Jeremiah Wilson, alias Keith Oliver, had the misfortune to nearly self-ignite and behave like a surface-to-air missile in his endeavours to remove one lighted candle from the rear of his person whilst descending a rope into Ridley's Short Cut. It did a lot to lighten the proceedings - thanks Keith.

The unveiling of a cast-bronze plaque at Ridley's, after the last re-enactment in front of the invited guests, by the Hon. K. Booth, M.P., Minister for Tourism, was a highlight of the week.

The dinner on Saturday night with the dance to follow was a resounding success by any standards. It proved to be a winner and was made better by the dress of many of the people attending. So many were in costume of the period we were celebrating - little "bubs" of about two years and up to the mums and dads - it was a real beaut. The band, The Rouseabouts, was one in a million. They were a period band and filled the bill to perfection. Their efforts in getting everyone onto the floor and joining in the old bush dances was greatly appreciated.

The church service was well attended and I believe we were very fortunate to have the Very Rev. O. Dykes, the Dean of Bathurst, officiating. The soloist Mr Ian Gordon of Oberon and Mr Hector Lupp, the organist, of Bathurst, both deserve a special mention and our thanks.

The finale on Sunday afternoon was fitting - a single rope, caving ladder and scaling pole demonstraion by an international team of speleologists under the guidance of Dr Julia James who also provided a commentary. It was a great display of caving techniques made all the more impressive by the very size of the drop - from the top of the 'sky light' to the floor (210 feet or about 65 metres). It looked a very wee ladder and a very thin piece of string -

CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS - continued

you say it's a rope? They not only came down -they also went up both by rope and ladder. Thanks speleos.

This, I repeat, is only my thoughts and observations; a much more factual report has been prepared by our sub-committee.

I conclude with this - thanks everyone for the part you played in making it work, for your efforts and enthusiasm and the enjoyment you gave to others. A question ends these ramblings - would you like to see us attempt a "Back to Jenolan Weekend" in the Caves House again; say an annual event? Let's have *your* letters and comments.

Bill Buckley

MAY MEETING - SLIDE SHOW NIGHT

The next general meeting of the Society will be held in Jenolan Caves House at 8 PM on

Saturday 26 May 1979.

Members will be entertained with the slide shows prepared for guests at Caves House during the Centenary Celebrations week. These shows were well received by the public and the Society hopes to continue to provide this service for guests at Caves House.

Photographs of the celebrations will also be on display and members may order copies.

Supper is served at all general meetings.

Why not come to Jenolan for the day? Book in for dinner at Caves House and join us for the meeting afterwards.

Committee members please note that the committee meets at 4-00 PM on 26 May, probably in the school.

MEETING DATES FOR THE NEXT YEAR

This is official notice that general meetings of the Society will be held at Jenolan Caves at 8-00 PM on

Saturday 26 May 1979,
Saturday 11 August 1979,
Saturday 10 November 1979,
Saturday 9 February 1980 (Annual General Meeting)

The committee is also planning a number of other activities for the next year, including a function - something like the centenary dance - tentatively set down for 8 March 1980. If there is something you would like to see happen why not let us know?

CURATORS' REPORT

In the last quarter the curators have received on behalf of the Society, from Mrs A Stone of Guildford, 29 photographs of scenes inside Jenolan Caves as well as outside. We would like to thank Mr Bill Buckley for arranging the collection of these on our behalf.

A geological map, dated 1899, of the Blue Mountains area has been received from E. Holland, a member of JCH&PS.

We have received from the storeman, through the manager of Jenolan Caves House, an electric coffee percolator which was used in Caves House from approximately 1924. It was originally for 110 volts but was converted for 240 V.

We have received a poster from the Blue Mountains Tourist Association, Katoomba. This depicts the Indian Canopy of Orient Cave.

K. Oliver donated photographs of Theresa Holland, the first female casual guide of Jenolan and copies of photographs of a watch presented to Wally Hawken, a guide at Jenolan for many years, from the staff when he left.

The curators would like to thank Mr Heiron, Mr and Mrs David Bryant and Mr and Mrs J. Pemble for attending to the museum for us once again. They have been doing some changing around of the photographs and restoring the photo display cases.

To assist the sub-committee with the smooth operation of the Centenary Celebrations, we have given them the Society's entire collection of photographs so that a selection may be made for display purposes at Spring St Travel Centre as well as at Jenolan Caves.

J. Culley *J.P. Callaghan*

Curators

November 1978

RESEARCH OFFICER'S REPORT

Since the annual general meeting of this society in August 1978, I have had the opportunity of speaking to a young lady by the name of Miss Dianne Worms from Singleton. Miss Worms was seeking information about her family who are descendants of James Whalan on her mother's side. Her mother is Edna Whalan, a daughter of Alice and Charles Whalan. This matter has to be researched to give results. The information could be in the Whalan book of history, even though it is in the other family line.

Only as recently as 6/11/78 I was speaking to Mrs Claire Fitzmaurice Chatswood. I learnt that she is a relation of James Simcoe Fitzmaurice. Fitzmaurice was the person responsible for the experiments with the electric illumination at Jenolan in the period around 1880. Mrs Fitzmaurice is going to discuss the matter with her family and check to see if the family has any photographs or documents that could be of interest to our society.

R. Newbould 11/11/1978

REGISTER OF EXPERTS

The Society wishes to compile a list of members and others who have special knowledge or skills which may be of use to the Society in preparing submissions for the conservation and development of the Jenolan Caves Reserve as well as other aspects of the Society's activities. The range of skills and interests could be vast; some which come to mind are cave management, tourism, traffic management, park management, pollution control, speleology, ecology, natural history, other natural sciences, historical research, publishing etc.

Please send a summary of your interests and qualifications to the Secretary, Graham Morrison, 157 Greville Road, Chatswood 2067.

CENTENARY WEEK PHOTOS FOR SALE

The Society commissioned a large number of photographs to be taken during the Imperial Cave Centenary Celebrations. Keith Oliver, c/- Guides' Office, Jenolan Caves, has proof sheets of these photos available for inspection. You can order copies from Keith.

The proofs will also be available at the May general meeting

SNIPPETS

MINUTES SECRETARY

At its April meeting the committee appointed Paul Richards to the job of minutes secretary.

PUBLICITY OFFICER

Phil McGuire has taken up the position of publicity officer for the Society.

ACQUISITIONS

At the April committee meeting, the curators reported that they had received some photographs from Mr W. Heiron and Mr K. Oliver.

NOTES TO THE ACCOUNTS

At the time of the last AGM our accounts had not been audited because our auditor was ill. The 1977-78 accounts now carry the following certificate.

" The above statement has been checked against all relevant books of accounts and records and it is certified that the details shown above are a true and fair indication of the affairs of the Society during the period 1/7/77 to 30/6/78.

(Signed) F. Attwood A.A.S.A. Accountant "

GUIDES' HONOUR ROLL

The honour roll of Jenolan Caves Guides which was made and presented by Mr W.F. Heiron was completed last year and placed in the Guides' Office.

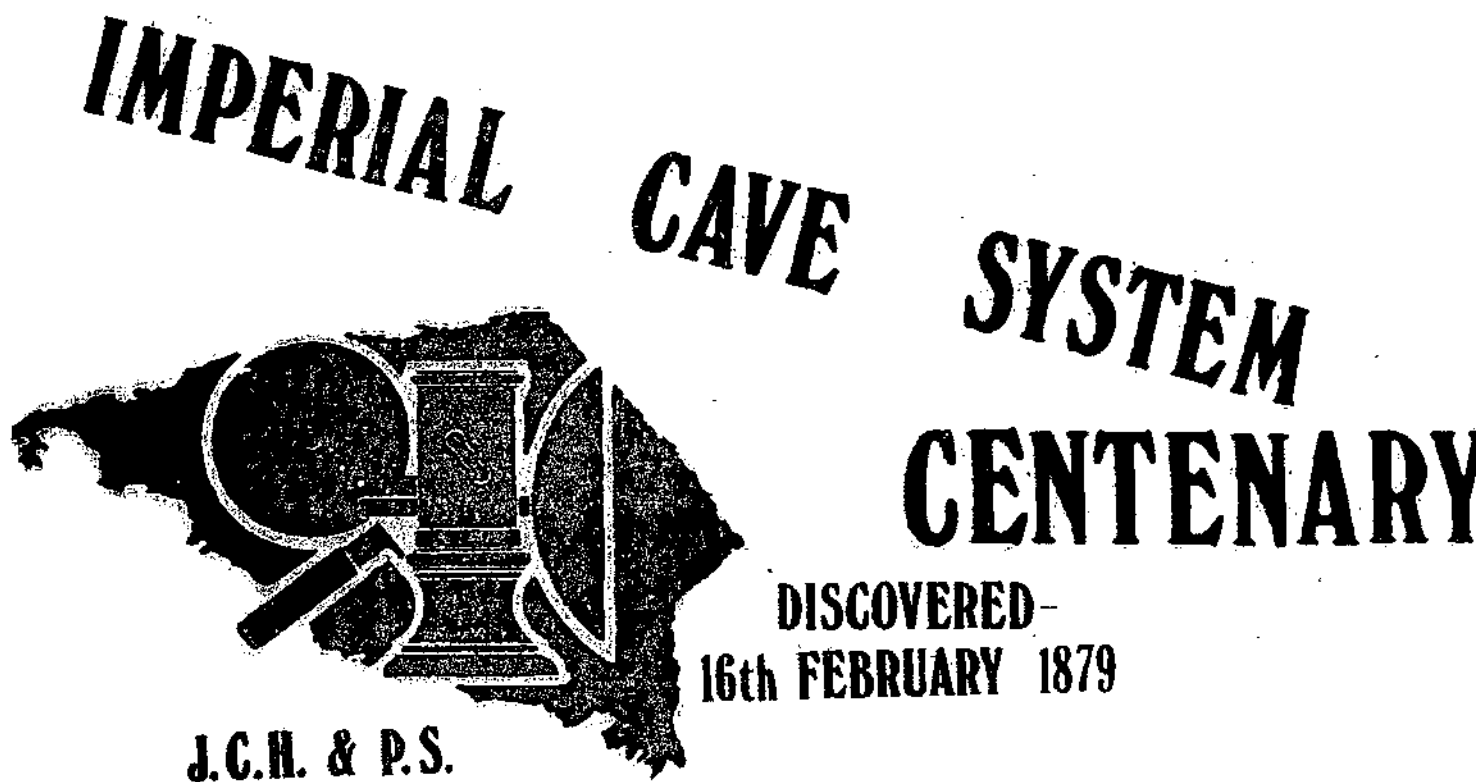
JENOLAN CAVES SCHOOL

People looking for the Jenolan Caves School in the car park behind Caves House will find that it has disappeared. It has not closed down. It has been transported to a new site on the edge of no. 2 car park, between Carlotta Arch and the tennis courts.

CENTENARY PENNANTS

The Society has produced a pennant to mark the Imperial Cave Centenary. These are available for 80¢ each plus 25¢ postage from the assistant treasurer, Dick Guy, c/- Guides' Office, Jenolan Caves 2790.

If you ask for them, a copy of the centenary celebrations programme and a souvenir ticket will be included at no extra charge.



NEW MEMBERS

The society welcomes the following new members.

Mrs M. Sullivan and Miss C. Sullivan of Keiraville
Miss P. White of Turramurra
Mr S. McClean of Gladesville
Mr C.R. Wiburd of Mosman
Mr C. Firbank of Northbridge

CENTENARY MENU

For those who missed out on the Centenary Dinner here's what you didn't get for dinner.

SOUP:	<i>Crystal Palace Asparagus. Tomato Tarana</i>
ENTREE:	<i>Coral Grotto Grilled Flounder Fillets Pompey's Bolognaise</i>
MAIN COURSE:	<i>Ridley Short Cut Roast Beef and Yorkshire Pudding Wilson's Roast Pork and Apple Sauce Gem of the West Roast Lamb and Mint Sauce Imperial Roast Chicken Sentinel Poached Chicken Garden Palace Vegetables in Season</i>
DESSERT:	<i>Carlotta's Steamed Pudding Lucinda's Apple Pie and Cream Confectioner's Shop Ice Cream Sundae Jeremiah's Jelly Moulds and Ice Cream or Selection from the Vestry Cheese Board Billy Tea or Old Camp Coffee</i>

MUSEUM

The museum was kept open during the Imperial Cave Centenary Celebrations week. Thanks to Jenny Oliver who, dressed in period costume, kept the museum open from 10th to 16th February and to Mr Heiron who opened it at the weekend, 17th and 18th February.

RAFFLE WINNERS

The slide case raffle which had been running for some time before the centenary celebrations was won by Elaine Holland.

Other raffles run during the celebrations and drawn at the dance were won by

Mr Sistron	P. Richards
M. Nemanis	T. Fiebig
S. Stephens	J. Pemble

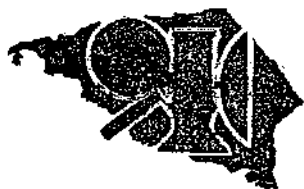
All prizes were made and donated by Mr W.F. Heiron.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR PERIOD 1.10.78 TO 31.12.78

<u>RECEIPTS</u>		<u>QUARTER</u>	<u>TO DATE</u>	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		<u>QUARTER</u>	<u>TO DATE</u>
<u>MEMBERSHIP</u>				<u>ADMINISTRATION</u>			
Ordinary	62.50		82.50	Newsletter	19.57		44.24
Family	144.00		248.00	Treasurer	7.90		20.89
Student	<u>Nil</u>		<u>Nil</u>	Cheque Book	<u>Nil</u>		<u>5.00</u>
		206.50	330.50			27.47	70.13
<u>SALES-OWN ITEMS</u>				<u>MUSEUM</u>			
Occas. Papers	56.00		108.50	Attend. Expos.	45.00		90.00
Postcards	23.60		51.20	Stat. Cupb.	Nil		125.00
Slides	8.85		14.35	Insce. Vol			
Souv. Envelopes	<u>17.40</u>		<u>36.80</u>	Workers Pol	109.37		109.37
		105.85	210.85	Honour Roll	30.00		30.00
<u>SALES-OTHER SOCIETY'S</u>				Dist. Repairs	<u>22.54</u>		<u>22.54</u>
S.U.S.S. BOOKS	40.00		60.00			206.91	376.91
S.S.S. BOOKS	7.50		10.50	<u>FUNCTIONS</u>			
A.S.F. BOOKS	<u>4.00</u>	51.50	<u>4.00</u>	Accom. Guest Speaker			
			74.50	Bro. N. Sullivan	26.00		26.00
<u>ADMISSIONS</u>				<u>MAPPING AUTHORITY</u>			
Museum		44.37	75.61		334.30		707.70
<u>RAILS</u>							
		375.90	772.00				
<u>DONATIONS</u>							
Comp. Ticket Sales	60.40						
E. & M. Hendy	2.00						
W. Heiron	10.00						
J. Carney	2.50						
Sundry	<u>13.71</u>	88.61	160.05				
<u>MISCELLANEOUS</u>							
Postage		.20	.50				
<u>TOTAL RECEIPTS</u>		<u>\$ 872.93</u>	<u>\$1624.01</u>	<u>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</u>		<u>\$ 594.68</u>	<u>\$1180.74</u>
<u>BALANCE BROUGHT FWD</u>		<u>\$2317.49</u>	<u>\$2152.47</u>	<u>BALANCE CARRIED FWD</u>		<u>\$2595.74</u>	<u>\$2595.74</u>
		<u>\$3190.42</u>	<u>\$3776.48</u>			<u>\$3190.42</u>	<u>\$3776.48</u>

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AUGUST MEETING

The next general meeting of the Society will be held in Jenolan Caves House at 8 PM on

Saturday 11 August 1979.

- ** A videotape of the climbing techniques display, taken at the Imperial Cave Centenary Celebrations, will be shown.
- ** Ron Newbould will give a talk on the role of the Research Officer.

Business: A motion to confer honorary life membership on Richard Guy will be considered.

If you intend to join other members of the Society at dinner before the meeting it is a good idea to book early in the day.

Committee Meeting.

The committee will meet at 4-00 PM on 11 August, probably in the Jenolan Caves School. Check at the Guides' Office.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

Please note that the Society's financial year now ends on 31 December. If you paid only a one year subscription last July, you now need to pay another half year to bring your subscription up to date. Due to postal difficulties we are not able to use an up-to-date membership list to put the usual individual reminder here. But you could check your own records. Subscriptions are \$5 p.a. per member plus \$2 p.a. for each additional member of the same family at the same address. Pensioners and full-time students pay the \$2 rate.

UNFINANCIAL MEMBERS WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE MAILING LIST ON 31 DECEMBER.

Payments and enquiries to the Membership Secretary, Jenny Oliver, c/- Post Office, Jenolan Caves 2790 please.

RESEARCH OFFICER'S REPORT

During January and February of 1979 I was able to write six articles for the Centenary week of Celebrations for the discovery of the Imperial Cave system. The papers were dealing with Accommodation at Jenolan Caves, Access from Katoomba and Mount Victoria, Historical Features of Grand Archway through to Bone Cave (Shambles), McKeown's Valley, Methods of Illumination in the Jenolan Caves and Jeremiah Wilson - Caves Keeper and Discoverer of the Imperial system of caves. Copies were given to the Guides' Office and another set of copies was retained for JCH&PS.

About six weeks ago I spoke with a Mr Cook who is a descendant of the family of Cook who used to be the photographer at Jenolan and had the guest house (Kia-Ora) at the top of five-mile hill. Mr Cook intends to discuss the matter of the glass negatives that are in the family possession with the possibility of giving them to JCH&PS. I did not obtain Mr Cook's address.

Mr Heiron has been untiring of effort in being able to establish good relations with Dr Wiburd, Mr Chris Firbank and Mr Bradley. I ask that JCH&PS thank Mr Heiron for his efforts.

R. Newbould 26/5/79

CURATORS' REPORT

The curators have received the following items.

Six photographs and a small clay vase. The clay vase was made from clay of the Temple of Baal Cave. These have been donated by Mr L. Wilcox of Bathurst.

Through Mr J. Pemble, 33 photographs from Mr Heiron's collection. These photographs have been enlarged.

From the Manager of Caves House, a plan of the development of Bone Cave/Shambles in the Left Imperial Cave.

J.P. Callaghan 26/5/79

MUSEUM REPORT

A working bee is needed to tidy up the outside and repaint the building. The metal bracing for the walls had not been received by the May meeting.

Paul Richards is organising a 'MUSEUM' sign.

The May general meeting carried a vote of thanks to Mrs Sullivan and Mrs Oliver for running the museum during the school holidays.

RAFFLE

The society is conducting another raffle for a cassette case made and donated by Mr Heiron. Tickets are 20¢ each or 3 for 50¢. They can be obtained from committee members at Jenolan or from Sandra Martyn, 94 Glebe Point Road, Glebe 2037 (phone 660 0008). Please remember to add 20¢ if ordering by post.

HAVE ANOTHER BALL

Following the tremendous success of the Centenary Celebrations Dance last February your committee received many requests for another event of the same kind. So a subcommittee has been formed to organise another dance at Jenolan on

Saturday 8 March 1980 .

The band has been booked and house reservations for members to stay overnight have been made. Confirmation is required by September and members should book direct with Caves House (making clear that you are JCH&PS members) not with the society. The current tariffs are printed here .

WEEKEND RATES (Minimum tariff is for dinner, bed and breakfast on Saturday nights). Rates per person.

	Room with private facilities	Room without pte facil.
Dinner, bed, breakfast	\$30.00	\$22.50
Daily, all meals	\$35.50	\$28.00
Package concession		
Dinner Fri to Lunch Sun	\$58.00	\$50.00
Dinner Sat to Lunch Mon	\$58.00	\$50.00
Dinner Fri to Lunch Mon	\$78.00	\$70.00

Children's Rates: 2 years and under 12 years - half rate.
Under 2 years - at the discretion of the Manager.
Cots are available.

Other activities are being planned for the weekend. Nature walks, candle-light tours, a treasure hunt, a barbecue, swimming events, a walking tour of the historical buildings are possibilities. The response from members will determine what actually happens.

COME TO THE DANCE.

BOOK NOW FOR ACCOMMODATION OR COME FOR THE EVENING.

Chairman of organising committee: Bill Buckley
4 Boden Ave, Strathfield. 76 9287

PUBLICITY REPORT

At the May committee meeting our new publicity officer, Phil McGuire, reported that he would be contacting the Sydney Visitors' Bureau for inclusion on their members' list. The secretary will write a blurb outlining the advantages of joining the society. Advertisements for the society's meetings will, in future, be placed in the menus in Caves House.

Phil is also organising a revised version of the society's membership application brochure, together with a map of the walks available in the area, which we hope will be available from the reception desk at Caves House.

The society has decided to get a listing in the telephone directory, using D. Bryant's number.

TREASURER'S REPORT

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR PERIOD.1.1.79 TO 31.3.79

<u>RECEIPTS</u>		<u>QUARTER</u>	<u>TO DATE</u>	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		<u>QUARTER</u>	<u>TO DATE</u>
<u>MEMBERSHIP</u>				<u>ADMINISTRATION</u>			
Ordinary	40.00		122.50	Newsletter Exps.	Nil		44.24
Family	24.50		272.50	Treasurer Exps.	Nil		20.89
Student	<u>5.00</u>		<u>5.00</u>	Cheque Book	Nil		<u>5.00</u>
		69.50	400.00				70.13
<u>SALES-OWN ITEMS</u>				<u>MUSEUM</u>			
Occas. Papers	77.50		186.00	Attendants Exps.	198.00		288.00
Postcards	38.60		99.80	Stat. Cupb.	Nil		125.00
Badges	6.00		6.00	Insce. Policy	Nil		109.37
Slides	10.90		25.15	Honour Roll	Nil		30.00
Souv. Envelopes	55.10		91.90	Disp. Repairs	<u>21.00</u>		<u>43.54</u>
Cent. Pennants	<u>112.00</u>		<u>112.00</u>		219.00		595.91
		300.00	516.85	<u>FUNCTIONS</u>			
<u>SALES & OTHER SOCIETY'S</u>				SOC Pennants	264.50		264.50
S.U.S.S. Books	75.00		135.00	Cent. Plaque	347.49		347.49
S.S.S. Books	25.50		36.00	Cent. Dinner (MAY)	24.00		24.00
A.S.F. Books	<u>16.00</u>		<u>20.00</u>	Drinks. Lithgow Sand	19.67		19.67
		116.50	191.00	D&J Bryant Exps.	101.74		101.74
<u>ADMISSIONS</u>				Bro. N. Sullivan.	<u>Nil</u>		<u>26.00</u>
Museum	66.12	66.12	131.43		757.40		783.40
<u>MAPS</u>				<u>SALEABLE ITEMS</u>			
	234.90	234.90	1006.90	Publications	59.48		59.48
<u>Donations</u>				Souv. Envelopes	<u>80.20</u>		<u>80.20</u>
Comp. Ticket Sales	-				139.68		139.68
-	146.10			S.U.S.S. Books	202.50		202.50
M. Sullivan	30.00			Mapping Authority	146.80		854.50
J. Oliver	10.00			<u>SUBSCRIPTIONS</u>			
B. Maguire	9.00			R.A.H.S.	17.50		17.50
P. May	4.20						
Masonic Meeting	13.67						
Sundry	<u>2.00</u>						
		214.97	385.32				
<u>MISCELLANEOUS</u>							
Postage	Nil		.50				
TOTAL RECEIPTS		\$1001.99	\$2626.88	TOTAL EXPENDITURE		\$1482.88	\$2663.62
Balance Brought Fwd.		<u>\$2595.74</u>	<u>\$2152.47</u>	Balance Carried Fwd.		<u>\$2114.85</u>	<u>\$2114.85</u>
		\$3597.73	\$4778.47			\$3597.73	\$4778.47

K. Oliver.
Honorary Treasurer.

MASTER PLAN ?

Recent correspondence received by the Society contains the following information.

The Department of Public Works has confirmed that an aerial survey, covering the Jenolan Caves Reserve has been carried out. " An immediate use shall be as an aid to detail (sic) planning of the Caves House Precinct and in assessing the impact of alternative transportation systems within the reserve (including the present vehicular traffic)."

From the State Pollution Control Commission we learn that :-

" In event of any developments being proposed that could significantly affect the Jenolan Caves environment an environmental impact statement would be prepared. In such cases the Principles and Procedures for Environmental Impact Assessment in New South Wales as outlined in Environmental Standard EI-4 provide for public display of the document should this arise. The views of your society on the proposals would be appreciated and taken into consideration."

CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS PHOTOS

FINAL NOTICE

Members who wish to purchase copies of photographs of the Imperial Cave Centenary Celebrations should act without delay. Please write to Keith Oliver, c/- P.O. Jenolan Caves and he will send you the proof sheets for inspection.

All photos will be printed in post-card size. The prices are 80¢ for colour and 40¢ for black and white; postage is extra.

COMING EVENTS

A social function, perhaps a wine bottling, is being organised for October at the home of David and Janet Bryant.

The speaker at our meeting on 10 November will be Dr R. Kinghorn.

More details of both events will appear in the October NEWSLETTER.

MAPS FOR SALE

The society is an agent for all maps produced by the Central Mapping Authority of New South Wales. Recent additions to the range of maps available include national parks. Assistant treasurer, Dick Guy, looks after these. He can be contacted c/- Guides' Office, Jenolan.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR WANTED

I shall be retiring from the position of NEWSLETTER editor in November. Any person interested in taking on the job should contact the secretary, Graham Morrison, 157 Greville Road, Chatswood 2067 (phone 419 3734).

Ian Sefton

REPORT BY CHAIRMAN OF CENTENARY COMMITTEE

This report will deal mainly with facts and figures of the weeks events during the 10th - 18th February, 1979.

Nature and Historical Walks: Twenty six walks were offered to the public but in most cases there were so few people about that they were not conducted. The three day temperatures of 35-38 degrees C (95-100 degrees F) in the shade certainly had an adverse effect on anyone who was considering the walks.

The weekends did attract more walkers and the general feelings of those who participated was that with more publicity and the knowledge that the walks could be a permanent feature of Jenolan would bring them (with their friends) back to the reserve just "to do the walks".

Total attendances of all walks was twenty eight.

Three Re-enactments of the Imperial Cave Discovery were staged, and always more people wished to buy tickets than could be fitted into the cave.

The evening showings of the Audio/Visual (slides) were very popular and two complete showings were held most nights. Attendances were 236 representing 70% of house occupancy.

Saturday 17th Happenings

The Children's Treasure Hunt in the Coach House was a real fun event. Over one hundred children took part; watched by about an equal number of adults.

The re-enactment for the benefit of the Official Party and invited guests was a polished performance by all concerned and at the conclusion of the re-discovery our President introduced Mr. Clough M.P., the Local Member of the N.S.W. State Government; who in turn introduced Mr. Ken Booth M.P., the Minister for Tourism who addressed a few remarks to the guests and unveiled a bronze plaque commemorating the discovery. This plaque can be seen in the Imperial Cave at Ridleys Short Cut.

At the conclusion of the unveiling and inspection of the Imperial Cave, afternoon tea was served on the terrace area of the Caves House - apparently to anyone and everyone who cared to join in. There was more than enough for all. The Lithgow City Band entertained us during the afternoon with musical numbers and their efforts were greatly appreciated.

The Dinner in the Dining Room was a grand affair. A large proportion of the guests were in period costume, Circa. 1880. Husbands, wives, boys, girls and even little ones just walking - it was a spectacle of colour and history. The setting in the dining room were in excess of one hundred and eighty and the house was full.

The dance to follow was an unqualified success. An estimate of the attendance is hard to figure as people were coming and going all night, but a "turn-over" of two hundred and fifty could be a realistic one.

The band was popular beyond belief. Because they actually taught people Australian Folk Dancing, the floor was always full of willing and happy students of the art.

Sunday 18th

Commenced at 9.45 a.m. with a Church Service in the Cathedral Cave attended by one hundred and fifty seven persons. The service was conducted by the Very Rev. Owen Dykes who also composed some alternate words for one hymn referring to "the cave men of Jenolan".

At 2.30 p.m. a climbing and abseiling display was held in the Devils Coach House and it was a very professional display, even if it was "heart-stopping". Again an estimate, and because the Coach House is so very big, it is very hard to be accurate, but three hundred plus spectators is my guess.

The Museum was opened every day of the celebrations by a very lovely lady in a charming old world dress - complete with parasol, she was the most photographed "object de art" lady.

Thanks to everyone who helped to make the time of celebration so successful and making it so easy to run because it all seemed to fall into place so easily. I don't wish to mention any names for special thanks in case I miss some one, but several groups do deserve some recognition.

The Committee; of which I had the honour to be Chairman - they worked many long nights and days and wrote many letters and spent a lot of time on phones making every effort to ensure that it would be a success.

The Volunteers (eleven of them) who were prepared to conduct the Nature/Historical walks and the people who wrote the information sheets so that the conductors of walks would appear to know more than the walkers. I would like to think that a copy of all the information sheets are placed in our archive section for future inclusion in a library.

The Guiding Staff for all the extra things over and above their normal duties.

The Candle Holders for the candlelight tours, getting that organ into and out of the Cathedral - being at the House each night for the Slide Presentation to answer questions.

The Management and Staff of the Caves House for their full and enthusiastic co-operation to all our requests.

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The Department of Tourism for accepting the financial obligation for the weeks festivities. Without their help in money matters it would have been a much abbreviated affair.

The group who lent their slides for the slide display and the many nights they spent composing the display and writing the script.

In conclusion, the general opinion appears to be that the celebration was a successful venture and from my own thoughts and listening to others, the possibility of making an annual event of the Dinner/Dance week-end should be promoted and pursued.

W. J. Buckley
CHAIRMAN

NEW MEMBERS

The Society welcomes the following new members.

Ken Symonds of Eastlakes
Ronald A.J. Bradley of Eastwood
Leslie D. Hodges of Ingleburn
Queenie A. Symonds of Woollahra
Eric C. Eades of Caringbah
Gary J. Keir of Dundas Valley
Michael J. Chilcott of Warrawee
T.R. Howell of Kirribilli

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Single memberships paid to 1979 :	43
Family memberships paid to 1979 :	33
Student memberships paid to 1979 :	5
Family memberships paid to 1980 :	1
Family memberships paid to 1984 :	1
Student memberships paid to 1984 :	<u>1</u>
Financial memberships, total :	84
Life memberships :	<u>1</u>
Total :	85

J.S.Oliver 26/5/79

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NOVEMBER MEETING

DON'T MISS THIS ONE

Guest speaker at our next meeting will be

Dr J. R. Kinghorn ,

sometime Honorary Curator of the Jenolan Caves Reserve, on the subject

REFLECTIONS ON THE FAUNA OF JENOLAN

AND SUGGESTIONS FOR ITS FUTURE PRESERVATION.

Dr Kinghorn originally went to Jenolan to study the fauna at the request of the Chief Secretary during the years 1922 - 30.

The meeting will be held in Caves House at 8-00 PM on

Saturday 10 November 1979.

Committee Meeting: 4 PM the same day. Check at Guides' Office for the location.

CAVES HOUSE TO CLOSE

But not forever. Caves House will be closed for major renovations to the kitchen from 11 February to 13 March 1980.

The dance, planned by the Society for 8 March has, therefore, been postponed. New plans will be considered by the committee at its next meeting and we will let you know what we will be doing in our next NEWSLETTER.

The closure will also affect our Annual General Meeting. The new date suggested is Saturday 2 February.

NEW MEMBERS

The Society welcomes the following new members :

B.J. Rowe, Jenolan Caves,
J.R. Kinghorn, Northwood.

CURATORS' REPORT

At the August meeting the curators reported that they had received six old photographs, two of the old pig farm and four of guides. These were donated by Mrs Denise Melville of Hackett A.C.T.

An old electric switch with a porcelain back and a brass cover has been added to the collection. This switch was replaced after 70 years of use in the beer and wine storeroom of Caves House.

The photograph of Jeremiah Wilson, used during the Imperial Cave Centenary Celebrations, has been framed and will be hung in the Guides' Office.

NETTLE AND ARCH CAVES

Development work for the reopening of the Nettle and Arch Caves is going ahead. New concrete steps from Carlotta Arch to the entrance of the Arch Cave have been constructed. A plaque nearby tells the story :

NETTLE AND ARCH CAVES

Discovered 1846, closed 1932. This stairway is the first stage of a redevelopment of these caves for inspection by visitors.

JENOLAN WALKS MAP

As a spinoff from the walks organised during the Imperial Cave Centenary Week, Phil McGuire has drawn up a map showing various walks around Jenolan. The Society will be publishing this map soon.

EDITORIAL

This NEWSLETTER is now six years old. The first issue was a single duplicated sheet with a notice of meeting and a few snippets of news. Since then it has grown to eight or ten pages per issue, depending on the amount of material provided by members.

I am now retiring from the editorial chair and handing over to Dick Guy, who has offered to keep the NEWSLETTER going, at least until the new committee is elected next February. In fact, the major part of this issue is Dick's work; you can spot the difference by the typefaces used.

Thanks to all those members who have provided the material so far - may I urge you to keep it up so that Dick will have something to edit instead of having to write it all himself ?

Ian Sefton

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Society will be held at Jenolan Caves on Saturday 2nd February, 1980, that is the FIRST saturday in February. Caves House is unavailable on our normal meeting date of the second Saturday.

Members and friends who will require accommodation at Caves House on that night are advised to book now to be sure of getting it.

Members who intend to accept nomination for office, or to take part in voting for the elction of officebearers, are urged to check their financial status, now.

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OLIVER TRICKETT'S ' MAP OF THE JENOLAN CAVES'

Many members will be familiar with this map produced by Oliver Trickett in 1925.

The Society has been aware of the general interest of visitors to Jenolan and the desire to obtain copies.

We examined the feasibility of producing a colour coded version of the map but costs ruled this out. However we have produced a quarter sized black and white version and these can be purchased at cost 30c each from the Assistant Treasurer at Jenolan Caves.

Members may be interested to learn that in the five weeks since stocks became available, some 600 copies have been sold. It is hoped that if sales continue at this rate, sufficient funds will accumulate to again consider bringing out a colour coded version.

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RAFFLE

The last raffle for a Cassette Case donated by Mr. Heiron was won by Mr. Michael Chilcott.

A new raffle with two prizes - a magazine rack and a tray, is under way and should be drawn at the November meeting.

Tickets are 20c each or 3 for 50c and can be obtained from Sandra Martyn (Sydney 660 0008) or Dick Guy, Jenolan Caves.

NEW HISTORICAL MAP
'ARROWSMITH'S DISCOVERIES IN AUSTRALIA' 1834

We have copies for sale of this latest addition to the Central Mapping Authority's historical series. John Arrowsmith (1790-1873), with his cousins Aaron and Samuel, aided his uncle in the construction of his large collection of maps and charts at the family business house in Soho Square, London.

After his uncle's death in 1823, John Arrowsmith commenced business on his own account in Essex Street, Strand but finally succeeded to the head of the house in Soho Square on the death of his cousin Samuel.

His first publication in 1834 was the London Atlas, recognised as the best atlas of its day. This was followed by a long system of elaborate and carefully executed maps embodying the results of contemporary exploration, the maps of Australia, North America, Africa and India being especially valuable.

The map 'Discoveries in Australia' was derived from earlier compilations executed by his uncle and cousins and information obtained from the Colonial Office. The map was published in 1834 and is a fine example of the development in cartography from this period.

John Arrowsmith was one of the founding fellows of the Royal Geographical Society in 1830 and for many years was a member of its council. In 1863 he received the patron gold medal for the important services he had rendered to geographical science.

Price of this map is \$1.50 plus 50c postage.

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IMPERIAL CAVE CENTENARY

We still have supplies of :

- . satin Centenary Pennants
- . Souvenir Cave Tickets
- . Souvenir brochures

from the Centenary week activities.

One of each is offered as a set, for price 50c plus 25c postage. Orders to the Assistant Treasurer, Jenolan Caves, please.

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LIST OF BOOKS, MAPS AND OTHER ITEMS SOLD BY THE SOCIETY

We publish an up-to-date listing of the various publications and historical items produced by the Society, books produced by various Speleological Societies and maps issued by the Central Mapping Authority for which this Society is an Agent.

This Society receives a commission of 10% on all sales of the books of Speleological Societies.

On sales of Central Mapping Authority maps, we receive a commission of approximately 30%.

Orders should be directed to :

The Assistant Treasurer,
Jenolan Caves Historical and Preservation Society,
c/- Post Office,
JENOLAN CAVES. N.S.W. 2790

When ordering, please forward payment, including the amount shown for postage and packaging.

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>POSTAGE</u>
<u>OCCASIONAL PAPERS</u>		
No.1 Steam Cleaning of Orient Cave	50c	) 25c for 1 or 2 Papers. 35c for 3 or full set.
No.2 The Discovery of the Imperial Cave	50c	
No.3 The Discovery of the Barralong Cave	50c	
No.4 The Binoomea Cut	50c	
<u>BADGES</u>		
Lapel Badges - available to members only	\$1	25c
<u>SOUVENIR ENVELOPES</u>		
Jenolan Caves Pictorial Postmark	20c	25c
<u>POSTCARDS</u>		
Bullock Team - 1900 - on Two Mile Hill	40c	) 25c
Bicycle Party - 1903 - near Caves House	40c	
Caving Party - 1900 - features Jack Edwards	40c	
Old Car - 1900 - near Caves House	40c	
<u>SLIDES</u>		
Bicycle Party - 1903	15c	25c
<u>IMPERIAL CAVE CENTENARY 1979 - SOUVENIR PACK</u>		
includes - Satin Pennant		
- Souvenir Inspection Ticket		
- Souvenir brochure	50c	25c
<u>PAMPHLETS</u>		
Jenolan Caves House	Free	
Post Office Jenolan Caves	Free	20c

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>POSTAGE</u>
<u>SPELEOLOGICAL SOCIETIES PUBLICATIONS</u>		
The Caves of Jenolan : The Northern Limestone	\$ 5.00	45c
The Exploration and Speleogeography of Mammoth Cave, Jenolan	\$ 5.00	45c
Timor Caves	\$ 5.00	45c
Bungonia Caves	\$10.00	55c
Chillagoe Caves	\$ 3.00	45c
Caves of the Nullabour	\$ 5.00	45c
Single Rope Techniques	\$ 7.50	45c
Master Plan for the Development of Jenolan Caves Reserve - submission of the Australian Speleological Federation	\$ 2.00	45c
<u>MAPS</u>		
<u>Published by J.C.H.A.P.S</u>		
Oliver Tricketts 'Map of Jenolan Caves' 1925 (Quarter sized reproduction in black and white)	30c	25c
<u>Published by Central Mapping Authority</u>		
Catalogue	Free	35c
<u>Historical Maps</u>		
Map of the Colony - Sir Thomas Mitchell - 1834	\$ 1.50	50c
Plan of the Town of Sydney - James Meehan - 1807	\$ 1.50	
Arrowsmiths 'Discoveries in Australia' - 1834	\$ 1.50	
(Note : These will be sent unfolded to permit framing)		
<u>General Maps</u>		
Natural Vegetation of N.S.W.	90c	50c
Crown Lands of N.S.W. (Limited supply)	90c	
Blue Labyrinth (covers Lower Blue Mountains)	90c	
State Map of N.S.W. (set of 4 maps)	\$ 6.00	
(Note : These will be sent unfolded)		
<u>Tourist Maps</u>		
Blue Mountains/Burraborang	\$ 1.50	) 35c
Central Coast (Broken Bay to Munmorah)	\$ 1.50	) For 1 Map
Hawkesbury River (Windsor to Broken Bay, incl Pittwater and Brisbane Water)	\$ 1.50	) 45c for 2 to 5 Maps

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>PRICE</u>	<u>POSTAGE</u>
Royal National Park	\$ 1.50	35c
Warrumbungle National Park	\$ 1.50	35c
Kosciusko National Park	\$ 1.50	35c
*Botany Bay District and Waterways	\$ 1.50	35c
*Sydney Harbour District and Waterways	\$ 1.50	35c

(* includes information for boating enthusiasts)

Regional Touring Maps

These feature Hotels, Motels, Camping, Picnic areas, fossicking, fishing, transport. Each has a full map of South-east Australia on the reverse.

Illawarra Region - Royal National Park to Batemans Bay	50c	) 35c
South Eastern Region - Goulburn, Canberra, Cooma	50c	) for 1 map
Murray Region - Mildura to Kosciusko	50c	) 45c
Far Western Region - Broken Hill, Ivanhoe, Hungerford	50c	) for 2 to 5
Orana Region - Dubbo, Coonabarbran, Walgett, Cobar	50c	) maps
Riverina Region - Tumut, Wagga, Hay, Griffith	50c)
New England Region - Tamworth, Moree, Tenterfield	50c)
North Coast Region - Forster to Coolangatta	50c)
Hunter Region - Newcastle, Muswellbrook, Forster	50c)
Central Western Region - West Wyalong, Bathurst, Katoomba, Jenolan Caves	50c)

Topographic Maps

We have a large range of these maps in stock, covering the area bounded by Mt. Wilson, Katoomba, Hill End, Shooters Hill, Richlands, Kanangra and Jenolan Caves.

They are either scale 1:25000 or 1:31680. \$ 1.80

Lithgow	Mt. Wilson	Katoomba	35c for 1 map or
Hill End	Sofala	Hartley	
Jamison	Hampton	Jenolan	45c for 1 to 5 maps.
Kanangra	Bimlow	Yerranderie	
Gurnang	Mt. Armstrong	Richlands	
Barrallier	Taralga	Shooters Hill	
Burruga	Rockley	Mt. David	
Edith	Oberon	The Lagoon	
Tarana			

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RECEIPTS.		QUARTER.	TO DATE.	EXPENDITURE.		
<u>MEMBERSHIP.</u>				<u>ADMINISTRATION.</u>		
Ordinary	40.00		262.50	Newsletter.	Nil	65.23
Family	31.50		337.50	Treasurer	4.30	37.36
Student	Nil		15.00	Secretary	9.13	20.18
		<u>71.50</u>	<u>615.00</u>	Cheque Book	<u>Nil</u>	<u>5.00</u>
					13.43	127.77
<u>SALES-DOWN ITEMS.</u>				<u>MUSEUM.</u>		
Occas. Papers	31.00		279.50	Attendants Exps	177.00	567.00
Newsletter	.25		.25	Stat. Cupb.	Nil	125.00
Badges	1.00		8.00	Insurance Pol.	109.37	218.74
Postcards	4.00		120.60	Honor Roll	Nil	30.00
Slides	1.65		32.80	Disp. Repairs	<u>Nil</u>	<u>43.54</u>
Souv. Envelopes	29.00		<u>174.90</u>		286.37	984.28
		<u>66.90</u>	<u>616.05</u>	<u>FUNCTIONS.</u>		
<u>FUNCTIONS.</u>				500 Pennants	Nil	264.50
Cent. Pennants	74.10		223.80	Cent. Plaque	Nil	347.49
Cent. Photos	72.00		<u>72.00</u>	Cent. Dinner(MAY)	Nil	24.00
		<u>146.10</u>	<u>259.70</u>	Lithgow City Band	20.00	39.67
<u>SALES-OTHER SOCIETY'S.</u>				D&J Bryant	Nil	101.74
S.U.S.S. Books	60.00		285.00	Bro.N.Sullivan	Nil	26.00
S.S.S. Books	35.50		86.50	S.Opper	Nil	43.13
A.S.F. Books	13.00		<u>38.00</u>	K.Oliver	<u>Nil</u>	<u>20.99</u>
		<u>108.50</u>	<u>409.50</u>		20.00	867.52
<u>MAPS.</u>				<u>SALEABLE ITEMS.</u>		
C.M.A.	156.70		1450.50	Publications	Nil	59.48
Trickett	130.20		<u>130.20</u>	Souv. Envelopes	<u>25.00</u>	<u>105.20</u>
		<u>286.90</u>	<u>1580.70</u>		25.00	164.68
<u>ADMISSIONS.</u>				S.U.S.S. Books	Nil	292.50
Museum	19.99		180.47	C.M.A.	Nil	1048.50
<u>DONATIONS.</u>				R.A.H.S.	Nil	17.50
M.Sullivan	27.00					
Guides Office	18.60		<u>45.60</u>			
			<u>435.37</u>			
<u>MISCELLANEOUS.</u>						
Interest Build. Soc.	132.17					
Bank Interest	15.47		<u>147.64</u>			
			<u>148.89</u>			
TOTAL RECEIPTS.		<u>893.13</u>	<u>4281.68</u>	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	344.80	3582.75
Balance Brought Forward.		<u>2383.07</u>	<u>2152.47</u>	Balance Carried Fwd	<u>2931.40</u>	<u>2931.40</u>
		<u>\$3276.20</u>	<u>\$6434.15</u>		<u>\$3276.20</u>	<u>\$6434.15</u>
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K.Oliver.

Honorary Treasurer.



RICHARD,

Jenolan Caves Historical and Preservation Society

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SUBSCRIPTIONS NOW DUE

Subscriptions for the year 1st January, 1980 to 31st December, 1980 are now due. In the following panel, the amount required to bring your membership up to date is indicated. If an amount is shown in either columns numbered 1 and 2, your membership has officially ceased. However we are sending this last Newsletter as we don't want to lose you.

For members wishing to take advantage of the five-year membership concession, the amount required to take membership to 31st December, 1980 is shown in column 6.

Subscription rates are :
\$5 p.a. per member PLUS
\$2 p.a. for each additional member of the same family at the same address seeking membership ;
\$2 p.a. for pensioners and full-time students.
Five year membership at FOUR times the above rates.

PERIOD	1/7/78 to 30/6/79	1/7/79 to 31/12/79	1/1/80 to 31/12/80	1/7/80 to 31/12/80	TOTAL AMOUNT DUE	5 YEAR OPTION
AMOUNT	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 5.00	\$ —	\$ 5.00	\$ 20

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Jenolan Caves Historical and Preservation Society
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JENOLAN CAVES. N.S.W. 2790

MEMBERSHIP PAMPHLET

Phil Maguire has produced a new pamphlet 'Why you should join J.C.H.A.P.S' to encourage new members to the Society. Copies will be available on A.G.M. night so please let us know if you would like some.

MEETING DATES 1980

The Society's meeting dates for 1980 are :

2nd February	Annual General Meeting
24th May	
9th August	
8th November	

At this stage it is likely that all of the above meetings will be held at Jenolan.

Caves House is already heavily booked on AGM night.

Members wishing to book accommodation or casual meals, should do so well ahead to avoid disappointment.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Society will be held in Jenolan Caves House at 8.30 pm on

SATURDAY 2ND FEBRUARY 1980.

Business includes presentation of annual reports by various officers and the election of a new committee, a patron and three trustees. The committee consists of

President	Membership Secretary
Two Vice-Presidents	Two Curators
Secretary	Research Officer
Assistant Secretary	Representative of the NSW Department of Tourism
Treasurer	Seven additional members
Assistant Treasurer	

It has been customary for the Annual General Meeting to designate some of the additional committee positions as specific jobs, for example Publicity Officer, Assistant Research Officer and Museum Supervisor.

Some of the present committee members will, for one reason or another, not be seeking re-election, so if you feel you can help the Society in any of the positions above, come along to the meeting and stand for election.

Nominations must be in writing and be signed by proposer, seconder and nominee. Nominations will be received up to the time of the election. If you cannot attend the meeting, but would still like to stand for election, do something about it now.

It has been found on previous AGM nights when there has been a guest speaker, that the meetings have run far too long.

Therefore there will not be a guest speaker on this occasion.

The committee will meet at 4 pm on 2nd February, probably at the Jenolan School. Check at the Guides Office upon arrival.

MOVING ON

A notable absentee on AGM night will be John Callaghan who leaves Jenolan shortly to take up the position of Manager of Tantoola Caves in South Australia.

John has been a guide at Jenolan for nearly ten years and his departure is a major loss from the guiding staff.

John was a member of the steering committee which brought our Society into being, and has been a Curator since then.

All members of the Society wish you John, your wife Jo and your children Katherine and Andrew, every success and happiness in the future.

CAN YOU HELP

In the past, some members have experienced difficulty in getting up to our meetings due to lack of transport.

Could you contact Sandra Martyn - phone Sydney 660 0008 :

- . if you are coming to the AGM and are prepared to bring others in your car
- . if you would like to come but require transport.

NEW MEMBERS

The Society welcomes the following new members :

G. Dalley, Yowie Bay	D. Bradley, Manly
P. Dempsey, Ermington	Mr. & Mrs. R. Whalan, Liverpool
Mr. & Mrs. R. Rothery, Avalon Beach	R. Kroehnert, Casula
R.L. Crouch, Auburn	Mr. & Mrs. R. Jones, Middle Dural

SCRAP BOOK

For some now, the Jenolan Guides have kept in a scrap book, copies of newspaper items related to Jenolan's present day history.

If you notice any appropriate items, you are asked to send a copy to the Guides Office, where they will be received gratefully.

COMPETITIONS

After the drawing last August, of the competition for the cassette case, it was found that due to a misunderstanding, over 100 ticket butts had not been included. Mr. Heiron generously donated a further case for the benefit of those people and at the November meeting, it was won by Mrs. E. Pemble.

The current competition is for a magazine rack and tray, drawing of which was deferred at the November meeting, due to lack of sales. It will be drawn on AGM night.

Tickets are 20c each or 3 for 50c and can be obtained from Sandra Martyn (Sydney 660 0008) or Dick Guy, Jenolan Caves.

JENOLAN WALKS MAP

Phil Maguire has drawn up a map showing various walks around Jenolan and advises that copies will be available on AGM night.

CENTRAL MAPPING AUTHORITY NEWS

A new historical map - 'TOWN OF SYDNEY (1836)' is now available. Comparing this map with James Meehan's 'PLAN OF THE TOWN OF SYDNEY (1807)' can provide many interesting hours for map enthusiasts. Price \$1.50 plus 50c postage.

The price of Topographic maps increased to \$2 from the 1st January 1980. We still have supplies at the old price of \$1.80.

A new general purpose map 'COASTAL PROTECTION ACT, 1979' is now available. Price \$1.20.

All orders to the Assistant Treasurer, Jenolan Caves please.

DANCE

In the last Newsletter, members were advised that the dance which had been arranged for 8th March next has been postponed due to Caves House being unavailable.

A new date has not yet been determined, but will be discussed and possibly set, on AGM night.

 RESEARCH OFFICERS REPORT

I am able to submit copies of historical segments I have written about Jenolan Caves.

In all there would be six (6) articles.

1. McKeown's Valley.
2. Introduction and Accommodation.
3. Jeremiah Wilson - Caves Keeper, and Discoverer of the Imperial system of caves.
4. Access from Katoomba and Mount Victoria.
5. Methods of Illumination in the Jenolan Caves, NSW.
6. Historical features of Grand Archway through to Bone Cave. (Shambles)!

The initial purpose of writing the six articles was to highlight information for the benefit of the guiding staff and JCH&PS members, who were currently involved with the implementation of the Centenary Celebrations held during the week preceeding 17th February 1979.

R. NEWBOULD

10/11/79

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

At the Society's November meeting, members welcomed two guest speakers :

- . Dr. R. Kinghorn, who spoke about the fauna of Jenolan and
- . Guy Cox, who gave an illustrated talk on the exploration of the Spider Cave.

For the information of all members, for the good of this Society and indeed, for the good of Jenolan itself, I feel that some comment is justified in the light of some of Dr. Kinghorn's comments, the reaction of some persons present, and the aftermath during the business part of the meeting.

Reference was made to the re-aligned pathway in the Devil's Coach House. This was done for public safety. The old line of the path, passed directly below the daylight hole in the roof. In recent years a number of visitors narrowly missed being hit by small rocks and pebbles falling from around the hole. The risk of serious, even fatal, injury is obvious.

Further criticism was made of the upgraded pathway and steps from the Carlotta's Arch to the McKeown's Valley. This pathway was constantly eroded and again presented a safety problem. It should be remembered that the number of visitors to Jenolan in the 1960's and 1970's has been somewhat greater than in the 1920's, 1930's and 1940's. The Carlotta's Arch track is without question the most popular walk here.

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People of all ages have a RIGHT to enjoy it, with minimal risk of injury.

Concerning the Caves House to Carlotta's Arch path, the unpaved section does in fact become a quagmire in wet weather. I would suggest that the use of sandstone in a limestone area is inappropriate. Further I suggest that concrete IS appropriate, in view of the fact that the basis of concrete is CEMENT and limestone is quarried and processed to produce cement.

However the most disturbing statements made, related to the rock wallabies. Many members will be aware that at one time these delightful creatures inhabited the Grand Archway. However their numbers diminished following the widening of the road in 1964, which effectively removed the natural barrier, Camp Creek.

Hand feeding of the wallabies by visitors, often with totally inappropriate food like bread, led to their coming down on to the roadway looking for food.

Dr. Kinghorn repeatedly assured the meeting that his criticisms were not aimed at people presently at Jenolan. Perhaps he is unaware that at least two members of the PRESENT Guiding Staff can still vividly remember having to carry out the task of disposing of wallabies killed by traffic.

THE WALLABIES WERE NOT POISONED. SUCH A SUGGESTION IS OUTRAGIOUS.

Concerning the talk given by Guy Cox, I am sure that all people present at the meeting were impressed by the extent and quality of Spider Cave. Clearly it is a most important discovery in view of its proximity to the present show caves.

However I ask one question. Does not the carving of faces in cave muds amount to defacement and if not, what is its scientific value ?

In conclusion I would like to echo the sentiments expressed to me since the meeting by a number of members, that this Society can ill-afford the loss of John Culley, who was one of the primemovers in getting the Society established. John's decision to withdraw his active support of this Society is nothing short of a tragedy.

A lot of goodwill was created by the Imperial Cave Centenary Celebrations last year.

We are known to be financially sound.

We are poised to expand our activities, just waiting the go-ahead.

A great many people have made major contributions to the Society's success.

The foolishness of 'biting the hand that feeds you' should be obvious. It would be wise to remember that Jenolan will go on, with or without this Society. The Society's future is doubtful, without the support of the Senior Guide of Jenolan Caves.

R.F. GUY
JENOLAN CAVES
4th January, 1980

Jenolan Caves Historical and Preservation Society



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MAY MEETING

The next general meeting of the Society will be held at Jenolan Caves House at 8.30 pm

Saturday, 24 May 1980

One of the most important matters of business to be discussed at the meeting is the nomination of Ben Nurse as a life member of the Society.

It was originally intended that there would be no guest speaker at this meeting and that the night would primarily be a social occasion where members could take the opportunity to catch up with one another. However, due to a re-discovery of major historical significance made at Jenolan recently, it is hoped that an interstate guest speaker will be available to announce the discovery in detail.

The time-table for the afternoon and evening will be as follows -

- 6.30 pm Committee meeting - School House
- 7.0 pm Small fireworks display in No. 2 car park
- 7.30 pm Sausage sizzle. Sausages, bread, sauce and coffee will be available at a nominal charge. Any other beverages should be supplied by yourself.
- 8.0 pm General meeting in Ballroom. Followed by 30 minute announcement re historical discovery. The rest of the evening is to be dedicated to enjoying one another's company. Arrangements have been made to have the piano brought into the Ballroom and those that are so inclined can join in a singalong.

EDITORIAL

Due to the absence of Dick Guy on leave I have the interesting duty of compiling this issue of the Newsletter.

Firstly, on behalf of the incoming committee I would like to thank last year's committee for their efforts during the year. In particular I express our appreciation to Ben Nurse for his role as President during the first seven years of the Society's life. This has been a time of development for the Society and as with all growing infants there have been many things to deal with. Ben has guided us well through these times and as a result the Society has weathered the rough patches.

During the last year I feel that the Imperial Cave celebrations established us as a Society of value in the eyes of the NSW Department of Tourism. We were fortunate to have the Minister and the Director as well as other distinguished guests join us for the celebrations. This was a first for the Society and we must not lose any advantage gained from this association.

The Society is comprised of people with varied interests and backgrounds. We have members from Jenolan, speleologists and others who for a number of reasons have an affection for Jenolan. However, it is this affection for Jenolan that is the common denominator, it is the reason for the Society's existence.

Although from time to time our personal opinions and interests will not be unanimous, we should all bear in mind the aims and goals of the Society. The over-riding consideration should always be – what is best for Jenolan.

If we work to this end then I feel that the future of the Society is assured. There is certainly a place for the Jenolan Caves Historical and Preservation Society and we have a significant role to play in the future of the Caves and the Jenolan Reserve.

The success of the Society depends on you the member and the new committee is looking forward to your support during 1980.

David Bryant

COMING EVENT

AUSTRALIAN COLONIAL DANCE

Due to renovations at Caves House, the dance that was to be held in March was postponed to Saturday, 8 November 1980.

The same band has been booked and house reservations for members to stay overnight have been made. Confirmation is required by September and members should book directly with Caves House (state that you are a JCH&PS member). Book early to avoid disappointment.

The dance will be held along similar lines to the centenary celebrations and you are encouraged to come suitably attired in colonial costume.

member the date – 8 November 1980. For further details ring either Bill Buckley (48 9287) or Janet Bryant (48 3991).

RAFFLE

The last raffle was won by Peter Culley and Mrs Enid Ritchie. Mr Heiron has again provided the prize for the current raffle. It will be drawn at the next meeting and the prize is a coffee table.

PUBLICITY REPORT

For some time now, requests have been made for a map of the JENOLAN area showing walks of the surroundings.

A preliminary map of walks has been prepared and this will be a forerunner to a more detailed map to be produced later in 1980.

The map which has been prepared is of pocket size being on a sheet of A4 paper. Unlike conventional maps it is not read from south to north but rather, from the east to west. This was an attempt to simplify orientation for those unfamiliar with the area. As the majority of visitors to Jenolan enter from the eastern side of the Grand Arch it was thought that the first mental impressions of Jenolan would be from that side, picturing the area in the mind and looking down.

A hand written screed was also prepared and photo-copied and placed in the museum on the counter. The aim of this was to acquaint the visitor with the aims of the Society and the benefits available upon becoming a member.

Concerning the official J.C.H.A.P.S. membership application form; a draft has been prepared and a means of printing is being considered. Approach has been made to the Department of Tourism to see if they would be prepared to reprint a supply for us. The only other alternative being a private printer which is also being considered should the Department not wish to reprint.

Phil McGuire

TREASURER'S REPORT

Once again, the detail of the Treasurer's report is absolute and is too large to incorporate in the Newsletter. For those members who did not receive a copy at the AGM, further copies will be available at the May meeting. The following is the statement by the Treasurer that accompanied the financial details –

"I take pleasure in presenting to this meeting, the Annual Treasurer's Report and Financial Statements for the eighteen months ended 31st December, 1979. The statements cover :

- Statement of Revenue and Expenditure for the 18 month period ended 31st December, 1979.
- Financial Statement for quarter 1/10/79 to 31/12/79.
- Reconciliation with Bank and Building Society Records.
- Financial Statement for the Museum for the period ended 31st December, 1979.
- Financial Statement for the Museum for the quarter 1/10/79 to 31/12/79.
- Dissection of financial operation of the Museum.
- Stocks of saleable items as at 31/12/79.
- Accounts paid during Oct/Dec quarter requiring confirmation.
- Accounts submitted for approval of payment.

OVERALL FINANCIAL POSITION

	Balance Carried Forward 1/1/80	-	\$3104.30
+	Value of saleable items in stock	-	<u>\$2609.20</u>
			<u>\$5713.50</u>

This represents an increase in the Society's financial position of \$1181.53 over the past months. Total Revenue was \$4886.19 whilst Total Expenditure was \$3934.36. Value of stock in hand is \$229.70 higher than last year.

Allowing for the fact that the period under review is the past 18 months instead of 12 months as previously, the Society's overall position has held steady in all sources of revenue and causes of expenditure.

The following comments should be made.

- Trickett's Map - \$264.00 represents sales of 880 maps, since they became available in August last year. They are proving extremely popular as predicted, and will provide an assured source of revenue.

- Imperial Cave Centenary - Costs associated with this activity were \$865.37, offset to date to the extent of \$317.20.

- Membership - Figures include 1980 subscriptions paid in advance :
 10 single, 8 family and 2 student.
 Also 1 single, 1 family and 2 student 'Five Year Memberships'.

- Interest - To gain maximum interest a further \$1000 should be transferred to the Building Society Account.

K. J. Oliver
Honorary Treasurer"

 NEW MEMBERS

The Society welcomes the following new members and hopes that they will take the opportunity to meet other members on Saturday, 24 May at Jenolan.

J. N. Ellorsen	—	Lidcombe
A. G. Page	—	Yagoona
D. & A. Hearn	—	Jenolan Caves
S. Walsh	—	Wollstonecraft
B. Morrison	—	Canberra
A. Forrest	—	Manuka
J. B. Morrison	—	Rivett
L. M. Willmot	—	Beverly Hills
Mr & Mrs N. Hicks	—	Mona Vale

OFFICE BEARERS 1980

This year's committee is a mixture of old and new faces, details of office bearers are listed below.

Patron	Ald H. G. Coates
President	David Bryant
Vice Presidents	Bill Buckley
	John Dunkley
Secretary	Phil McGuire
Assistant Secretary	Paul Richards
Treasurer	Keith Oliver
Assistant Treasurer	Richard Guy
Membership Secretary	Anne Hearn
Curators	Peter Culley
	Barry Richard
	Ron Newbould
Research Officer	Mr W. Rooney
Department of Tourism	Norm Sims
Representative	Graham Morrison
Committee	Tom Feibig
	Sandra Heary
	Jim Pemble
	Maureen Sullivan
	Steve McLean
Trustees	Mr W Heiron
	Janet Bryant
	Graham Morrison

CALENDER OF COMING EVENTS

urday - May 24	5.30 p.m.	Fireworks
	6.30 p.m.	Sausage Sizzle
	8.30 p.m.	General Meeting and Social Evening
urday - August 9	8.30 p.m.	General Meeting
urday - November 8	8.30 p.m.	Australian Colonial Dance at Caves House for members and their friends.

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AUGUST MEETING

next General Meeting will be held at Jenolan Caves at 2.00 pm on
SATURDAY 9TH AUGUST 1980.

Please note the different starting time. It is hoped that a daytime meeting will relieve members of the onerous business of driving back to Sydney late at night, adverse winter conditions.

At this stage, it is not certain whether the General Meeting will be at Caves House or the School, so check at the Guides' Office when you arrive.

At some time now, Ted Pemble has been restoring a very old Ralph Symonds film of Jenolan Caves and this film will be shown at the conclusion of the business of the meeting.

The Committee will meet at 11.00 am at the school.

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

As foreshadowed in the last Newsletter, the May General Meeting unanimously made Past President, Ben Nurse, an Honorary Life Member of our Society, a decision which will be applauded by our entire membership.

NEW MEMBERS

Society welcomes the following new members:

Welch, Marrickville (re-joined)

Dunsha, Lane Cove.

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AUSTRALIAN COLONIAL DANCE

SATURDAY 8TH NOVEMBER

Preparations are well under way for the Australian Colonial Dance to be held at Caves House on Saturday, 8th November at 8.30 pm.

The Rouseabouts have agreed to provide the entertainment and if their last performance is any indication we can look forward to a very enjoyable night.

Our block booking of Caves House still applies, so don't delay in MAKING A BOOKING. Deposits on rooms must be paid by August. When booking accommodation for the night remember to mention that you are a member of J.C.H. & P.S.

The cost of the dance will be \$2.00 per head (payable at the door). Dinner does not actually form part of the night but it would add to your enjoyment if you had dinner at Caves House regardless of where you are staying. While colonial dress is not compulsory, we hope that most members and their friends will come appropriately dressed thus adding to the atmosphere.

For those hardy souls who surface feeling fit the next morning, we have organised a 1½ hour historical walk in McKeown's Valley. The walk will be free of charge and the emphasis will be on highlighting sites of historical significance.

NOTICE OF MOTION

the following paragraph be added to the relevant clause of the Society's constitution :
"office-bearers may hold the same position for no more than three consecutive years."

Moved by Keith Oliver

ALADDIN CAVE INSPECTION

part of the activities to be held on 8th/9th November, John Gulley (Senior Vice) has given his permission for a small group of members to make an inspection of the Aladdin Cave.

This cave is, nowadays, not open to the public, although limited inspections took place many years ago. Only very limited development was done and, consequently, reasonable physical fitness is needed to complete the 3 hour inspection.

As it is expected that this inspection will be very popular, it has been necessary to place some conditions that must be met before you can be considered. They are:-

1. You must be a financial member.
2. You must be in reasonable physical condition.
3. You must be aged 18 years or over.
4. As the party is limited to 20, you must notify either Bill Buckley (02-76.9287) or David Bryant (02-48.3991) by 30th September if you wish to be included.
5. The members of the party will need to be appropriately dressed and wear either overalls, jeans, etc and soft soled shoes. Each member will have to provide a torch.

Although a final time has not yet been determined, it is likely that the inspection would commence about 1.00 pm on Saturday, 8th November. The 20 people chosen for the inspection will be notified well in advance of that date. The method of selection for the inspection will be by ballot should the number of interested members exceed twenty.

RAFFLES

Last raffle, for a coffee table, was won by Mr. Tony Rothery. In accepting the prize, Mr. Rothery complimented the Society on the work it is doing and made a most generous donation of \$50.

Heiron has already produced some prizes for the November function and is in the process of making more items.

SAUSAGE SIZZLE / FIREWORKS / SINGALONG

unction held in May at Jenolan proved very popular. The fireworks were popular and quite a few visitors stayed behind to watch the display.

It was a typically cold Jenolan night and the hot soup (kindly provided by Prof. Fiebig) and barbeque were very much appreciated. The organisers like to thank all those who assisted with the fireworks, cooking, etc.

At the meeting, Mr. Heiron provided the music for the old-fashioned sing. It must be reported that there were no budding Carusos discovered. One talent that was uncovered was Ron Newbould's auctioneering. He did a magnificent job in auctioning the food left over from the barbeque. In fact he nearly stepped in and prevented him from selling the ballroom furniture!

From reactions of those present it was clear that the night was enjoyed by all. Forward to the 8th November for an even bigger and better social function.

GENERAL MAPPING AUTHORITY

maps now available are :

Wentworth/Orange (includes Hill End)	\$1.50	plus 50c postage and packing
Wentworth/Great Lakes	\$1.50	plus 50c postage and packing
Wentworth/Leopards	\$0.50	plus 50c postage and packing

Orders to the Assistant Treasurer at Jenolan Caves please.

" DON'T TOUCH "

THE FUNNEL WEB SPIDER

This booklet was for sale in a small number of booklets written by Mr. Ken Andrew on the above subject. Mr. Andrew is engaged in research into this highly deadly spider which is now known to be present in all states except W.A. He has made several visits to Jenolan to collect live specimens.

The booklet includes a description of the creature, its habitat, the symptoms of its bite and advice as to what to do if bitten.

Proceeds from the sales of the booklets will help Mr. Andrew continue his research. Interested members can obtain copies from the Assistant Treasurer. \$1.80 including postage.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR PERIOD 1.4.80 TO 30.6.80

<u>RECEIPTS</u>	<u>QUARTER</u>	<u>TO DATE</u>	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	<u>QUARTER</u>	<u>TO DATE</u>
<u>MEMBERSHIP</u>			<u>ADMINISTRATION</u>		
Library	55.000	242.50	Secretarial Exps.	Nil	4.10
Library	42.00	378.50	Treasurers Exps.	5.80	19.54
Ent	<u>Nil</u>	<u>17.00</u>	Newsletter Exps.	Nil	93.78
	97.00	638.00	D. Bryant (Statny)	28.56	28.56
<u>- OWN ITEMS</u>			P. Richards (Postge)	25.00	25.00
. Papers	55.50	121.50	A. Hearn (Postge)	8.36	8.36
s	1.00	3.00	Cheque Book	<u>5.00</u>	<u>5.00</u>
ards	3.20	5.20		<u>72.72</u>	<u>184.34</u>
Envelopes	32.20	63.00	<u>MUSEUM</u>		
Pennants	13.30	31.00	Attendants Exps.	78.00	201.00
s	.45	1.20			
otters	.50	.50	<u>FUNCTIONS</u>		
ott's Maps	<u>122.10</u>	<u>250.50</u>	Rouseabouts Dep.	50.00	
	228.25	475.90	Fireworks & Food	<u>93.64</u>	
<u>- OTHER SOCIETY'S</u>			(Sausage Sizzle)	<u>143.64</u>	143.64
.S. Books	15.00	65.00	<u>SALEABLE ITEMS</u>		
. Books	Nil	15.00	Occas. Papers	42.00	
. Books	<u>4.00</u>	<u>6.00</u>	Trickett's Maps	<u>72.79</u>	
	19.00	86.00		<u>114.79</u>	114.79
	252.80	397.50	<u>SPELEO SOCIETY'S</u>		
			S.U.S.S. Books	90.00	90.00
<u>FUNCTIONS</u>					
	35.03	79.79	R.A.H.S.	Nil	17.50
			C.M.A.	102.80	228.20
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	<u>177.00</u>	<u>177.00</u>			
<u>RECEIPTS</u>	959.79	2042.10	<u>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</u>	601.95	979.47
<u>BROUGHT FORWARD</u>	3809.09	3104.30	<u>BALANCE CARRIED FWD</u>	4166.93	4166.93
	<u>\$4768.88</u>	<u>\$5146.40</u>		<u>\$4768.88</u>	<u>\$5146.40</u>

K.J. OLIVER
HONORARY TREASURER

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NOVEMBER MEETING

As the Australian Colonial Dance is to be held on the night originally set down for the November meeting there will not be a general meeting until February 1981. A decision regarding the next committee meeting will be made on the day of the dance.

The date of the February meeting, which is the Annual General Meeting, will be confirmed in the next newsletter, although it is expected that it will be on the 14th.

The experiment with an afternoon general meeting was not successful and future meetings at Caves House will be held at 8.30 p.m.

AUSTRALIAN COLONIAL DANCE

Saturday, 8 November 1980

8.30 p.m.

Caves House is almost completely booked for this night. Bookings have now been opened to the public so if you intend being there, act now. If you do not have any success with acquiring a room at Caves House try the Hampton Hotel/Motel.

Although colonial dress is not compulsory it will add to your enjoyment if you come appropriately dressed. There are no problems with wearing your outfit into the dining room, so let your hair down and dress up.

The Rouseabouts are providing the entertainment and those members who attended the Imperial Cave celebrations will appreciate the high standard of their performance. In order to cover the cost of the night we will be charging \$2 per head for adults which will be collected at the door.

Arrangements have been made for those hardy souls among us, for a guided historical walk

in McKeon's Valley on the Sunday morning. The walk will take about 1½ hours and the starting time will be advertised on the blackboard outside the Guides' Office.

ALADDIN CAVE INSPECTION

There are still a few vacancies available for the inspection of the Aladdin Cave. Those members who have already taken the trouble to submit their names are now accepted for the inspection. Any members still wishing to be included and who haven't contacted Bill Buckley or David Bryant, should ring David Bryant (48 3991). Names will now be accepted on a first in, first accepted basis.

For those members that might have misplaced their last newsletter, the conditions of inspection are listed below.

1. You must be a financial member.
2. You must be in reasonable physical condition.
3. You must be aged 18 years or over.
4. The members of the party will need to be appropriately dressed and wear either overalls, jeans, etc. and soft-soled shoes. Each member will have to provide a torch.

RANDOM POINTS

The Society is always looking for volunteers to open the museum. Anne Hearne has been elected museum supervisor, if you can assist please contact Anne.

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The Society sells a large range of maps on behalf of the Central Mapping Authority. We also have an interesting range of books available at the museum. With Christmas not far away why not give a book.

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Another novel idea for a Christmas present is to give a year's membership of the Society. See Anne Hearne and she will send on the concession tickets and a copy of this newsletter, together with your name, to the person of your choice. Subscription details are:-

- \$5 p.a. per member PLUS
- \$2 p.a. for each additional member of the same family at the same address seeking membership;
- \$2 p.a. for pensioners and full-time students.

Or perhaps the "beat inflation" rate of five years membership at only FOUR times the above rates.

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The Society recently wrote to the NSW Department of Tourism in an endeavour to obtain concessions on accommodation at Caves House for members of the Society. However, we were unsuccessful. The department feels that the package bookings for a number of nights stay that is now available to the public is concession enough.

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John Dunkley has again written to the department (his first letter apparently was misplaced within the department) regarding the extension of the boundary of Jenolan Reserve. This is a very important point with which the Society will be taking a great deal of interest. The letter seeks the extension of the reserve to include the headwaters of the river. Destruction of the native forest in this area and its replacement with pine trees would seriously affect the ecological balance of Jenolan. Remember – we do have the word “Preservation” in our society’s name.

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The members that attended the last meeting were treated to a showing of an early movie film on Jenolan. The film was made about 1940 by Mr Ralph Symonds who has very kindly donated it to the Society. Jim Pemble has worked wonders in restoring the film and it is hoped that arrangements will be made to run off a copy. It is intended that another showing of the film will be made following the Annual General Meeting – try not to miss it.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

7th MARCH 1981

The Society's Annual General Meeting is to be held at Caves House at 8.30 p.m. on Saturday, 7th March, 1981. Due to the closure of Caves House during February, we are unable to hold this meeting at the previously advertised time.

The presentation of annual reports by various office bearers will be made and a new committee will be elected. So that you are able to give consideration as to the role that you are going to play in the activities of the Society this year, the positions to be filled are listed below.

Patron	Treasurer
Trustees (3)	Assistant Treasurer
	Membership Secretary
President	Curators (2)
Vice Presidents (2)	Research Officer
Secretary	Department of Tourism Representative
Assistant Secretary	Seven Committee Members

As in the past some of the seven committee members will be designated with specific tasks such as Publicity Officer, Assistant Research Officer and Museum Supervisor. It is understood that some of the current office bearers will not be seeking re-election. This is your opportunity to contribute to the Society in a positive way, come along to the meeting and stand for election.

Nominations must be in writing and signed by the proposer, seconder and nominee. Nominations will be accepted up to the time of the election. If you cannot attend the meeting but wish to stand for a position then act now.

As the Annual General Meeting has normally run longer than the general meetings, there will be no guest speaker. However, arrangements have been made to re-run the Ralph Symonds film on Jenolan. This movie is well worth viewing, try not to miss it.

The committee meeting will be held at 3.30 p.m., probably in the school. Check at the Guides' Office on arrival.

SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE NOW DUE

Subscriptions for the year ending 31st December, 1981 are now due. If you joined the Society at the end of 1980, you are covered for this year as well. Details of the membership rates are shown on the attached form. Please complete the fill-in section and return with your remittance.

1980 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

1980 was a rather unusual year for the Society. We did not have one guest speaker during the year, we had only three meetings and we attracted a large number of new members.

Of course I am not suggesting that the first two points raised resulted in the third - not directly. It was the committee's intention that 1980 be a year in which we concentrated on the social side of the Society. To this end we enjoyed our sing-a-long, barbecue and colonial dance. As a result we hope that members were able to get to know one another better.

It is hoped that the social activities will continue. However, it is time that we concerned ourselves with some outstanding matters. I think that the two major issues that we must follow up are the extension of the Jenolan Reserve and the overall Jenolan Master Plan. These are vital issues affecting Jenolan and we must not be guilty of inaction.

I would like to thank the outgoing committee for their efforts and support during the year. In particular, I would like to thank those people who assisted with the various social functions, raffles, etc. The Society must have the practical support of more than just a small core of workers and 1980 proved that we are fortunate in this regard.

To the incoming committee I would like to extend my best wishes and hope that they have a successful year.

David Bryant,
President.

HISTORICAL ACQUISITIONS

Recently we have been fortunate to acquire a number of important books that are worthwhile additions to our archives.

The first book is a photographic record of Jenolan titled "Jenolan Caves - Nature's Masterpiece". The book was donated by Mrs. C.R. Baker of The Entrance.

One of our members, John Flint, has passed on to our Research Officer, Ron Newbould, two copies of a diary written by a visitor to the Caves in 1883. The author has named the diary, "Guide to and Description of Fish River Caves". This book contains some very graphic descriptions of Jenolan at that time.

The third acquisition was purchased by the Society. A limited edition has been printed of "Census of the Colony of New South Wales - 1828" and we were fortunate to obtain a copy. It is expected that this should be a great aid to tracing names associated with Jenolan's early history.

Additionally, Barbara De Roma, the Department of Tourism's Librarian, has forwarded an early photograph of the guiding staff with the names of the guides.

Many thanks to these people for their interest. We are always keen to acquire historical material relating to Jenolan.

ALLADIN CAVE INSPECTION

Due to a number of unforeseen circumstances, some members were unable to participate in the Alladin Cave inspection with the result that only fourteen undertook the trip.

The inspection took place on Saturday, 8th November, 1980. We entered the cave at about 2.00 p.m. and spent over two hours clambering around inside. This was the first "public" showing of the cave since 1947 and as such takes its place in the history of Jenolan.

The party of fourteen consisted of four leaders and ten members as listed below.

Leaders	...	John Culley (Chief Guide)	
		Bill Buckley	
		Ken Buckley	
		Derek Holland	
Members	...	David Bradley	Michael Lipman
		David Bryant	Brian Mitchell
		Al Gough	Maureen Sullivan
		Norm Hall	Leonie Taylor
		Steve Jupp	Tom Taylor

The inspection was made possible due to the co-operation of John Culley. The Society and, more particularly, those who took part would like to extend their gratitude to John. We would also like to thank Bill Buckley for his role in organising the trip and Ken and Derek for giving up their Saturday afternoon to act as guides for us.

All who made the trip were unanimous in their praise and it is hoped that we will be able to organise further inspections in the future. Below is an excerpt from a letter written by Tom and Leonie Taylor who travelled from Berri, South Australia, for the occasion.

".... we felt that we had to express our thanks for a memorable weekend at Jenolan. Probably a once in a life-time experience for us."

AUSTRALIAN COLONIAL DANCE

Caves House came alive on Saturday, 8th November to the rollicking sound of the Rouseabouts. Over one hundred and twenty adults plus children enjoyed themselves dancing the early colonial bush dances and following the descriptive lyrics of the songs.

Most people who attended the night were dressed in the style of the colonial days. Ned Kelly mixed with the troopers and a fire and brimstone preacher mixed with some of the fairer members of his congregation.

This night was the highlight of the year and was the main reason for our increase in membership. While it was not the full scale production of the centenary celebrations, it was just as successful. The popularity of these nights is such that they should become a regular event - held about 18 months apart.

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An historical walk in McKeown's Valley was organised for Sunday morning. Unfortunately, rain put an end to it and it has been re-scheduled for the Sunday following the Annual General Meeting. Details of the starting time will be on the blackboard outside the Guides' Office.

Special thanks must go to Mr. Rooney and the staff of Caves House for the effort they made in ensuring the evening was a success.

Details of the takings are as follows ...

Entrance Fees @ \$2.00 per adult	\$240.00	
Caving Trip	65.00	
Slide Case Raffle	66.10	
Raffles - sold on night	<u>92.81</u>	\$463.91
Cost of Band	250.00	
Refreshments for Band	<u>21.00</u>	<u>271.00</u>
	<u>Net Profit</u>	<u>\$192.91</u>

Winners of the raffles were ...

1. Lucky Door Prize - Jim Pemble
2. Slide Case - Steve Opper
3. Cassette Case - Ross Street
4. Palm Stand - Veronica Sullivan
5. Coffee Table - Judith Pemble
6. Magazine Rack - L. Hodges
7. Tray - Unclaimed (Ticket E70)

All of the above prizes were made and donated by Mr. W. Heiron for which the Society is especially grateful.

NEWS MEMBERS

The Society welcomes the following new members ...

Mr. J.M. Flint, Greenwich
 Mr. G. Molesworth, Northwood
 Mr. and Mrs. R. Milne, Jenolan Caves
 Mrs. F.R. Pettit, Roseville
 Mr. and Mrs. M.C. Lipman, Lane Cove
 Mr. R. Hodges, Ingleburn
 Mr. and Mrs. M. Hodges, Springwood
 Mr. N. Hall, Turramurra
 Mr. S. Jupp, Normanhurst
 Mr. A. Gough, Normanhurst
 Mr. W. Readford, Pymble

STOP PRESS

News has just come to hand that Ernie and Elaine Holland have attained the status of grandparents. Congratulations to the Holland and Owens families on the new arrival - Jacqueline Kay.

MAY MEETING

The date of the May meeting has been tentatively set for SATURDAY - 9th MAY, 1981. This is the first week-end of the school holidays, so book into Caves House as early as possible to avoid disappointment. The date for this meeting will be confirmed at the Annual General Meeting.

RAFFLE

A raffle for a cassette case (made and generously donated by Mr. W. Heiron) is currently underway and will be drawn at the Annual General Meeting. Tickets are 20c each or three for 50c and may be purchased by filling in the attached form and returning with your remittance.

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ADDRESS

..... Post Code

I enclose:-

- \$ for Annual Subscription
- \$ for Five Years' Membership
- \$ for raffle tickets (20c each or 3 for 50c)

Please make remittance payable to J.C.H.&P.S. and forward to ...

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MAY MEETING

The next general meeting of the Society will be held at Caves House at 8.30 p.m. on ...

Saturday - 23rd May 1981

The committee meeting will be held in the school house at 4.00 p.m.

Special excursions have been organised for the weekend of the general meeting and further details are given below.

The dates of the general meetings for the remainder of 1981 are listed on the last page.

SKELETON CAVE INSPECTION

Ernie Holland and Peter Culley have offered their services on a voluntary basis to enable members to inspect the Skeleton Cave. As you would be aware, this cave has only recently been re-opened and is always a difficult cave to inspect due to the small number allowed in each party.

Because of the restriction in numbers we will have to operate on a first come, first served basis. Those members who wish to be included in the party should ring either Bill Buckley (76.9287) or David Bryant (48.3991) as soon as possible. The inspection will depart from the Guides' Office at 2.00 p.m. on Saturday, 23rd May.

SIX FOOT TRACK WALK

If you have not been fortunate enough to walk the old "Six Foot Track" into Jenolan, Bill Buckley has volunteered to lead a group of members down the track on Sunday, 24th May.

Mr. Rooney has very kindly made the Caves House bus available to transport members to the top of Five Mile. The walk down the hill is well defined and not hazardous. Interesting points of the walk include superb views of King's Tableland and a rather unique view of Devil's Coach House.

The bus will depart from the Guides' Office area at a time to be announced at the general meeting.

1981 SUBSCRIPTIONS

A reminder to some of you that you have not yet paid your 1981 subscriptions. The Society depends on its members for survival. If you have not paid, please complete the appropriate details on the fill-in section and return with your remittance to the Membership Secretary.

ALLADIN CAVE INSPECTION

If you have spoken to one of the members who undertook the Alladin Cave inspection in November 1980, then you will be among the first to register for this year's inspection.

John Culley, Chief Guide, has again given his approval for this inspection and again it will be held in November, on Saturday 7th. Experienced guiding staff will lead the tour. As this cave has not been developed, there is a need for the members to be reasonably fit or at least supple!

As with the previous inspection, if you are interested in participating, ring either Bill Buckley (76.9287) or David Bryant (48.3991).

DE BURGH'S BRIDGE

The Department of Main Roads has recently re-sealed the entrance road to Jenolan from the approach to De Burgh's bridge through the Grand Arch to the Guides' Office.

The original road has been re-sealed on a number of occasions and, apparently, has never been graded back to the original level of the road.

As a result, the appearance of the bridge has changed dramatically. Early photographs show the bridge as a clearly defined bridge with stone walls. The road has now reached a level where the bridge looks more like a causeway.

Although the Department of Main Roads has indicated that next time the road is done they will grade the road back to its original level, the re-sealing will not take place for about fifteen years. This is just not good enough. The Jenolan Reserve and its "improvements" are listed on the National Register and as such the Society feels that State government departments have a responsibility to maintain these features in their original condition.

The Society has written to the Department of Tourism, Department of Main Roads and to the N.S.W. Heritage Council voicing our disappointment at the manner in which the roadworks have been carried out and requesting that action be taken to restore the bridge to its original condition.

When the last trams were removed from the Harbour Bridge lines in 1959, the tram tracks, sleepers, wiring, etc, were removed from the bridge decking to enable the roadway to be laid. The sleepers were put to good use ... they now form the posts of the safety fence. They were probably sawn in half and placed into the ground to the present depth and on some may still be seen the large bolts used to affix the sleepers to the bridge decking; on others, the "dog spikes" used for securing rails to sleepers; and on all, the holes drilled for fixing purposes.

These old sleepers would have been cut and placed on the bridge prior to the opening in 1932 and they still look in good order.

As yet, I haven't been able to confirm when they were placed into position at Jenolan.

Bill Buckley

1981 COMMITTEE

<u>Patron</u>	Ald. H. G. Coates	<u>Committee</u>
<u>President</u>	David Bryant	Norm Sims
<u>Vice Presidents</u>	Bill Buckley	Tom Feibig
	John Dunkley	Jim Pemble
<u>Secretary</u>	Phil McGuire	Mark Culley
<u>Assistant Secretary</u>	Paul Richards	Cathy Sullivan
<u>Treasurer</u>	David Hearn	Maureen Sullivan
<u>Assistant Treasurer</u>	Richard Guy	Sandra Martyn
<u>Membership Secretary</u>	Ann Hearn	
<u>Curators</u>	Barry Richard	<u>Trustees</u>
	Peter Culley	Mr. W. Heiron
<u>Research Officer</u>	Ron Newbould	Graham Morrison
<u>Dept. of Tourism Rep.</u>	Mr. W. Rooney	Janet Bryant

The motion to restrict office bearers to two years' consecutive service was defeated. The consensus of opinion seemed to be that the Society was not large enough to enjoy such a luxury and in any event members have the opportunity each year of standing in opposition to other members for positions on the committee.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

**** RAFFLE **** The raffle for the cassette case was drawn at the last meeting with the winner being Mr. Spellacy of Newfoundland, Canada. The current raffle for a coffee table will be drawn at the May meeting and tickets (20c each or three for 50c) may be obtained from Richard Guy or by filling in the attached form.

**** NEWBOULD NEWS **** Congratulations to Ron and Jan Newbould on the new status of grandparents. Thanks also to Jan for opening the Museum during January and over Easter.

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TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT

If J.C.H.&P.S. has established any tradition it certainly includes the standard and detail of the Treasurer's Report. Once again, the report contains too much detail to reproduce in full in the newsletter. For those members who did not receive a copy at the A.G.M., copies will be available at the May meeting.

The following is an extract from the report ...

"I take pleasure in presenting to this meeting, the Annual Treasurer's Report and Financial Statements for the twelve months ended 31st December, 1980.

Overall Financial Position

Balance Carried Forward 1/1/81	- \$4564.99
+ Value of saleable items in stock	- <u>2481.90</u>
	<u>\$7046.89</u>

This represents an increase in the Society's financial position of \$1333.39 over the past year. This compares with an increase of \$1181.53 for the previous 18 months, indicating that we have had a very successful year financially.

Total Revenue was \$3625.47, whilst Total Expenditure was \$2164.78. Value of stock in hand is \$127.30 less than last year.

Comments

1. Trickett's Maps - \$460.50 represents sales of 1,535 maps. Since becoming available in August 1979, a total of 2,415 maps have been sold at a cost of 30c each. Total income from these maps is now \$724.50. Outlay has been \$158.00
2. Functions - Costs for Sausage Sizzle and Colonial Dance totalled \$368.74. Return from these events was \$496.52. Last year's Centenary celebrations costs were further offset by another \$35.60
3. Membership - 41 single, 34 family and 7 student memberships. These include 1981 subscriptions paid in advance and "five year memberships"
4. Interest - \$1,000 surplus funds in bank account to be transferred. Perhaps we should place some funds in higher interest deposits now available.

K. J. Oliver
Honorary Treasurer"

DID YOU KNOW?

When you last travelled down the Five Mile Hill into Jenolan, did you notice the safety fence? It is, I'm told, associated with Sydney's transport history.

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**** OCCASIONAL PAPERS **** The four Occasional Papers have been re-printed and are available from the Guides' Office.

**** NEW MAPS **** Available from the Guides' Office ...

- 1. Ku-ring-gai National Park - \$1.50 each
- 2. General Chart of Terra Australis (1822) - \$1.50 each
- 3. Photomap of City of Sydney - \$2.00 each

Please add 50c for postage.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Saturday, 1st August - 8.30 p.m. General Meeting
- Saturday, 7th November - 1.30 p.m. Alladin Cave Inspection
- 8.30 p.m. General Meeting

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The next general meeting of the Society will be held at Caves House at 8.30 p.m. on ...

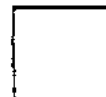
Saturday - 1st August 1981

The committee meeting will be held at 4.00 p.m. - call into the Guides' Office to find out where the meeting will be held.

ARE YOU FINANCIAL?

J.C.H.&P.S. is not a large society and relies on its members to remain interested, active and financial. If there is a cross in the box at the end of this article it means that our records show that as at 1st June, 1981, you were not a financial member. If you have paid since this date, please disregard the cross.

Details of membership subscriptions are shown on page 3 of this newsletter.



SKELETON CAVE INSPECTION

Guides ... Ernie Holland
Peter Culley

Members attending ... thirteen

The inspection held on Saturday, 23rd May 1981 was very enjoyable thanks to our two guides who kindly gave up their Saturday afternoon to guide the party.

I feel sure all members who undertook the inspection found it most informative particularly viewing the cave from an historical angle.

Thanks again to Ernie and Peter.

Geoff Molesworth

AUSTRALIAN COLONIAL DANCE

Caves House

Saturday, 7th November, 1981

8.30 p.m.

Following the success of the last colonial dance, the committee has succumbed to pressure and has organised another of these enjoyable evenings. We have booked the popular bush ballad band "THE COLLIERIES" who are guaranteed to provide a good night's entertainment.

There are not many vacancies remaining in Caves House, so if you intend being there act now. Ring Jenolan and mention that you're a member of the Society.

These nights are tremendous fun ... dust off your colonial or bush gear and make a point of being there.

ALLADIN CAVE INSPECTION

Saturday, 7th November, 1981

1.30 p.m.

John Culley has again given permission for a party of members to inspect the Alladin Cave. If you have spoken to any of the members who went on last year's inspection, you will appreciate how fortunate we are to have this opportunity. This cave is not open to the public - so take advantage of the offer. As we are able to take only a few more members, phone either Bill Buckley (76.9287) or David Bryant (48.3991) as soon as possible.

SIX FOOT TRACK WALK

Sunday, 8th November, 1981

Due to bad weather the "Six Foot Track" walk set down for Sunday, 24th May, was cancelled. It is now hoped that we will be holding this walk on the above date.

We will travel by bus to the top of Five Mile and then walk back to Jenolan via the old track that provided early access to the Caves. The walk down the hill is not hazardous and provides superb views of King's Tableland and a unique aspect of the Devil's Coach House.

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NEW MEMBERS

The Society welcomes the following new members ...

- Miss J. Cullen, Earlwood
- Dr and Mrs. R. Stubbs, Windsor
- Mr. D. Wheen, Pennant Hills
- Mr. and Mrs. K.A. Veale, Harbord
- Mr. I. Hodges, Bradbury
- Miss S. Pearce, Bradbury

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NOVEMBER MEETING

As the Colonial Dance is to be held on the date originally set down for this meeting, there will be no general meeting. However, a committee meeting will be held at 4.00 p.m. ... please call into the Guides' Office to find out where the meeting will be held.

AUSTRALIAN COLONIAL DANCE

CAVES HOUSE

Saturday, 7th November, 1981

8.30 p.m.

Response to this function has been very good and a successful and enjoyable night is guaranteed. It is understood that there are still rooms available in Caves House. Don't delay if you require accommodation ring Jenolan and mention that you are a member of J.C.H.&P.S.

Two members of "THE COLLIERS" have recently returned from Ireland and should have some new material to add to their already impressive repertoire. So dust off your colonial or bush gear and make a point of being there.

ALLADIN CAVE INSPECTION

Saturday, 7th November, 1981

1.30 p.m.

Unfortunately, we are unable to take any more in the party. However, if you wish to have your name included on the list of reserves then ring David Bryant (02) 48.3991.

For those members who are doing the inspection, remember ...

- * wear old clothes
- * bring your own torch
- * wear soft soled shoes

The Alladin Cave was discovered in 1897 by F.J. Wilson and the following description has been taken from Trickett's "Guide to the Jenolan Caves", first published in 1899.

"This magnificent cave is situated at the foot of a cliff, 3 chains west of McKeown's Creek, 2 chains southerly from the Glass Cave, and 30 chains north of the Grand Archway. The entrance is about 130 feet above the level of the creek. The main chambers are about 80 feet below the entrance, and are reached by scrambling along a passage for some 150 feet. As in the case of the Elder Cave, it has not been found practicable to make the passages as easy or convenient as those of the other caves which are open to the public; but the descent is perfectly safe and is not difficult for persons of active habit. There are two main chambers. The southern one is about 20ft x 23ft x 30ft and is marvellously beautiful. It contains an infinite variety of fascinating forms of cave embellishment. Sparkling crystal "cascades" and "drapery" formations grace walls dotted throughout with crystals, which twinkle like stars, and when the magnesium light is thrown into some remote corner, crystal spangles 'glitter like broken up moonbeams on the wavelets of a summer sea'.

On one hand are bunches of reddish-tinted coral-like crystals; on another are myriads of diminutive stalactites and groups of larger ones - some reddish, others cream-coloured or snowy-white or translucent. Looking through a fringe of stalactites, which remind one of Nellie's Grotto in the Imperial Cave, is seen a fairy-like grotto. In the foreground are some exceptionally graceful and semi transparent columns, whose beauty is enhanced by the remains of an older column which lie in ruins at their base. Beyond this is a crystal basin with a ripple-marked margin. To the left of this, bunches of reddish-tinted crystals reflect a thousand lights from their many facets. It is not easy to convey any adequate idea of the exquisite beauty of this cave, which must fascinate those who are not easily moved by the results of Nature's handiwork."

SIX FOOT TRACK WALK

Sunday, 8th November, 1981

"The track is very steep this way and rather a rough ride; the scenery, however, is magnificent; we come down Mount George, 1,600 feet from summit to valley. The limestone belt containing the caves can be seen in the valley, its peaks and pinnacles looking very grotesque from this road. As we get lower we ride over the Devil's Coach-house, then follow a small track leaving the Carlotta Arch on our left; soon the Grand Arch is in sight, and passing down the hill side we arrive at Cave House.

In passing over the Devil's Coach-house numerous holes and openings may be observed near the bridle-track, some of which are very dangerous. One or two of them are railed round, but there are others without any protecting fences, and if the visitor should wander off the track there is a probability of falling through one of them, and being precipitated a distance of nearly 300 feet.

One of these holes is known as "Rowell's Escape", in consequence of a visitor of that name having fallen in, who would have been dashed to pieces in the Devil's Coach-house below had he not, by some miraculous accident, jammed himself by his knees and back against the sides until he could be pulled out by the keeper and guides.

Should ordinary precautions be taken, however, there is no danger either inside or outside the caves; but it is certainly not advisable for strangers to wander about this locality without a guide, as some of these openings are so obscured by trees and other vegetation that they are not noticeable until close upon them."

The foregoing is a description of the Six Foot Track contained in J.J. Foster's "The Jenolan Caves", published in 1890. The track is still clearly defined and in good condition.

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FORWARD PLANNING

Congratulations to Keith and Jenny Oliver on the arrival on their son, John Clifford. With more of this, the future of Jenolan School is assured!

RANDOM POINTS

The Society is always looking for volunteers to open the museum. Please contact Anne Hearn C/- Post Office, Jenolan Caves, if you can assist.

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The Society sells a large range of maps on behalf of the Central Mapping Authority. We also have an interesting range of books available at the museum. With Christmas not far away, why not give a book.

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Another novel idea for a Christmas present is to give a year's membership of the Society. Contact our Membership Secretary, Anne Hearn, and she will send on the concession tickets and a copy of this newsletter together with your name, to the person of your choice. Subscription details are:-

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
SATURDAY, 13th FEBRUARY, 1982
CAVES HOUSE
8.30 p.m.

The presentation of annual reports by various office bearers will be made at this meeting and a new committee will be elected. The following positions are to be filled:-

Patron	Treasurer
Trustees (3)	Assistant Treasurer
	Membership Secretary
President	Curators (2)
Vice Presidents (2)	Research Officer
Secretary	Department of Tourism Representative
Assistant Secretary	Seven Committee Members

As in the past some of the seven committee members will be designated with specific tasks such as Publicity Officer, Assistant Research Officer, Museum Supervisor and Newsletter Editor. Some of the current office bearers will not be seeking re-election and this is your opportunity to become involved with the Society. For the Society to remain healthy and progressive it is essential that we have competition for committee positions.

Nominations must be in writing and signed by the proposer, seconder and nominee ... all of whom must be financial members of the Society. Nominations will be accepted up to the time of the election. If you cannot attend the meeting but wish to stand for a position then act now.

The committee meeting will be held at 3.30 p.m., probably in the school. Check at the Guides' Office on arrival.

SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE NOW DUE

Subscriptions for the year ending 31st December, 1982 are now due. If you joined the Society at the end of 1981, you are covered for this year as well. Details of the membership rates are shown on the attached form. Please complete the fill-in section and return with your remittance.

1981 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

1981 was a relatively quiet year for the Society. Our membership has continued to grow and attendance at our various social functions has been very good. The Society has endeavoured to flavour a number of these events with history in order that members can discover more of early Jenolan while still enjoying themselves. Inspections of the Skeleton and Alladin Caves and the Six Foot Track walk were examples of this.

While it was pleasing to gain many new members during the year it was a little disappointing to notice the absence of some of the old stalwarts. Now that they have had a break from Jenolan I hope that their interest can be re-kindled and that we will once again have the benefit of their active support.

I would like to express the Society's and my personal appreciation to Mr. W. Rooney, Manager of Caves House, for the assistance and support that he has given over the past twelve months. Similarly, Chief Guide, John Culley has assisted the Society whenever possible and to him also I extend our thanks.

My sincere thanks to the 1981 Committee for their efforts during the year and as I will not be standing for re-election to this position in 1982 I would like to take this opportunity to pass on my best wishes to the incoming committee.

David Bryant,
President

ALLADIN CAVE INSPECTION

Chief Guide, John Culley, once again gave his permission for an inspection of the Alladin Cave. Ken Buckley and Derek Holland were the volunteer guides and, in appreciation of their continuing work as volunteer guides for us, they were each presented with a set of cuff links that had been donated to the Society by Mr. W. Heiron.

Those members who undertook the inspection thoroughly enjoyed themselves and now have a greater appreciation of the difficulties of cave inspections in the "early days".

AUSTRALIAN COLONIAL DANCE

Over two hundred people were at Caves House on Saturday, 7th November, for our Australian Colonial Dance ... and what a great night it was! These dances seem to have become an annual event and each seems better than the last.

The Colliers provided the music and the guests provided the entertainment. Although we have now held a few of these dances it is interesting to observe

that while the standard of dancing has not improved greatly, the enthusiasm is boundless.

Particular thanks must go to Mr Rooney and to the staff of Caves House. Without their assistance and co-operation this type of function could not be held at Jenolan.

SIX FOOT TRACK WALK

Our third attempt at organising this walk was finally successful due to better weather and thus safer conditions. There were many bleary eyed walkers assembled outside the Guides' Office on the Sunday morning ... they were obviously feeling the effects of the strenuous dancing the previous night. Under these circumstances, we had a tremendous response to the walk with over fifty people participating. This response caught us a little by surprise and presented a problem in that we could not all fit in the Caves House bus. However, Ernie Holland came to the rescue by making his truck available.

After we had re-gathered at the top of Five Mile, Bill Buckley gave us a resumé of the history of the track and mentioned the highlights to look for while descending the hill.

I think that those who took part will agree that it was a very interesting walk and just the right tonic for that particular Sunday morning.

THE GREAT FLOOD

Although evidence still exists at Jenolan to indicate the extent of the 1919 flood, until now we have not seen photographs of the disaster. However, Phil McGuire has recently acquired, on a loan basis, some photographs of the damage caused by the flood. At present we are copying the photographs for inclusion in our archives.

MEETING DATES FOR 1982

The following dates have been tentatively set and will be confirmed at the Annual General Meeting.

Saturday - 1st May
Saturday - 14th August
Saturday - 13th November

 NEW MEMBERS

The Society welcomes the following new members ...

Mr David Elphick, Warrawee
 Mrs Jane Gough, Normanhurst
 Scott Melton, Blacktown
 Miss Lynette Sullivan, Keiraville

POPULATION EXPLOSION CONTINUES

Peter and Christine Culley have recently made their contribution to the population of Jenolan with the birth of a daughter, Sarah.

Congratulations and best wishes to all of the Culley family.

THE MAMMOTH CAVE

It is 100 years ago this year that the Mammoth Cave was discovered. The following description of the cave was written by J.J. Foster and published in 1890.

"The Mammoth Cave is situated about 2½ miles north of the Devil's Coach-house, on the right-hand side of McEwan's Creek, being the only one at present known on this side of the valley. It was discovered in 1882, and is not yet half explored, although fully 10 miles of passages are already known in it.

It is the largest and wildest cave yet discovered At the end of this terrible passage it looks as if we are only now just arriving at a new subterranean world, whose territory is without limit. We are at the beginning of a series of deep and extremely dangerous holes. No matter where we move a yawning abyss confronts us, and from the sound when a stone is thrown down, some appear to be almost bottomless. The stone can be heard striking ledge after ledge, and bouncing from one projection to another for several seconds, until the sound becomes so faint as it dies away that even after it has ceased its downward course we fancy we still hear it falling, lower! lower!! lower!!!

..... The already known part of the Mammoth is both extensive, rough and sufficiently trying to one's nerves without going any further here, every step being fraught with danger.

It is impossible to describe these various openings and chambers fully without filling a large volume. It may be interesting to know that Mr. Wilson, the keeper, found this part of the cave too much for him; and that after twenty-two years of exploring he was lost in this cave for some time, and was only found after a series of very loud cooeing, his assistant hearing him from another part of the cave went in search of him. This was the only time Mr. Wilson ever lost his bearings in any of these underground labyrinths.

We now turn back, and it is with a sigh of relief that we leave these inexhaustible regions behind us, still holding thousands of unknown marvels and mysteries. Our return from here is trying in the utmost degree, but after a hard struggle we arrive at the mouth of the cave and breathe freely once more. Here we make up our camp fire, boil the "billy", and eat a ravenous meal; visitors will find this a very important part of the day's programme in coming to this cave, as it is quite useless to think of spending a few hours here; it takes a full day to see only a small portion of the Mammoth Cave properly, and a good deal of the time is taken up coming and going

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscriptions for the year ending 31st December, 1982 are now due and details of the membership rates are shown below.

- \$5 p.a. per member PLUS
- \$2 p.a. for each additional member of the same family at the same address seeking membership
- \$2 p.a. for pensioners and full-time students
- FIVE YEARS' membership at FOUR times above rates

Please complete the attached form and send with your remittance.

NAME

ADDRESS

..... Post Code

I enclose:-

- \$ for Annual Subscription
- \$ for Five Years' Membership

Please make remittance payable to J.C.H.&P.S. and forward to:-

The Membership Secretary,
 J.C.H.&P.S.,
 C/- Post Office,
JENOLAN CAVES. N.S.W. 2790

NOMINATION FORM

I hereby nominate for the position of

..... on the J.C.H.&P.S. Committee for 1982.

Nominated by

Seconded by

I accept the above nomination. (Signed)

Steve Opper



Jenolan Caves Historical and Preservation Society

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EDITORS' COMMENTS:

Our humble apologies for the non-appearance of two editions of the Newsletter. We do appreciate that this News sheet is the only contact with the majority of our membership; many of whom visit Jenolan quite infrequently, as little as once a year. Being a society of people brought together by an affection for Jenolan Caves and all that it represents to each one of us and a desire to conserve and preserve it, we all do what we can towards that goal.

Unfortunately, because of unforeseen problems and the fact that the previous editor lives at the Caves (an isolated area), it was impossible to "get the act together".

If what you read in the "Newsletter" pleases you and it is what you want, write to us and tell us. If it is not what you want, write to us and tell us why. It's your society and your opinions are welcome.

KEN AND BILL BUCKLEY (Co-Editors)

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The following is really a collection of the important decisions, resolutions and news to come out of two meetings. The first, the Annual General Meeting of 13th February, 1982:

"At 9.20 p.m. the President declared that all positions were now vacant. The election of office bearers would now commence with voting in of a new President, two Vice Presidents, Secretary, Assist. Secretary, Treasurer, Assist. Treasurer, Membership Secretary, two Curators, Research Officer, seven Committee Members, three Trustees and a Department of Tourism representative.

RESULTS: President: Mr. P. Culley; Vice Presidents: Mr. W. Buckley and Mrs. M. Sullivan; Secretary: Miss C. Sullivan; Assist. Secretary: Mr. P. McGuire; Treasurer's position left open until next meeting due to absence of Mr. D. Hearne; Assist. Treasurer: Mr. E. Holland; Membership Secretary's position left open until next meeting due to absence of Mrs. A. Hearne; Curators: Mr. S. Opper and Mr. K. Oliver; Research Officer: Mr. R. Newbold; Committee: Mr. D. Bryant, Mr. J. Pemble, Mr. B. Richards, Mr. J. Dunkley, Mr. G. Morrison, Mr. S. O'Gorman, Miss Chris Ring; Trustees: Mr. G. Morrison, Mr. W. Heiron and Mr. J. Pemble; Dept. of Tourism Representative: Manager of Caves House.

GENERAL BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MEETING:

Mr. B. Richards suggested the preservation of all old electrical equipment acquired over the years, including material still in caves having any historical significance. The Hydro Station was suggested as a possible display area for this purpose, however, problems associated with security and manning would have to be looked at and discussed at length. Mr. R. Newbold suggested that the matter be put to the Head Guide Mr. J. Culley by Mr. Richard and report the results back to the next meeting.

Mr. S. Opper expressed concern over the material held by the curators. It was suggested by Mr. Opper that this material should be stored safely and catalogued. Mr. Opper further suggested that photographing all materials might be the most practical and cheapest way of doing this. Mr. B. Richards made an offer of the top section of the Sub-Station as a storage area for these materials because of the warm, de-humidified climate in there.

Mr. K. Oliver mentioned that a lady from the 'Historical Australia Magazine' visited Jenolan for the purpose of obtaining information for publication on Jenolan. A supplement with Photos has been prepared for the magazine. Mr. J. Dunkley pointed out that this was a commercial magazine and as such the Society should benefit financially as the photos were loaned by the Society. Mr. Dunkley also said he could see no point in the Society making a subscription to the magazine because of the 'glut' of magazines of this type. Mr. D. Bryant suggested that the photos used in the magazine should clearly mention that the Society donated the photos."

The second meeting held on 14th August, 1982:

"MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT: Mr. D. Hearn (in the absence of Mrs. A. Hearne), reported that there were currently 132 members, 5 new members joining since the last meeting.

It was reported to the meeting that Mr. W. Rooney had retired as Manager of Caves House and the Reserve. The position had been filled by Mr. G. Dube, who had taken up the appointment a few days previously. He attended the meeting and was introduced to the members.

Mr. R. Newbold expressed concern over the lack of access to the Society's archives. (At present, moves are being made to have something done about this).

Mr. P. McGuire suggested that in order for the Society to make known its objectives to the new Department, personal representation would be far better than sending a letter.

Mr. B. Dube said that Mr. K. Brown would be the person to see at the Department concerning the Society's objectives.

Mr. G. Dube also suggested obtaining proper storage facilities used for archive material, e.g. archive storage boxes.

Mr. N. Jones asked 'Why don't the guides mention the Society more during tours of the Caves?' Mr. S. Opper replied that the guides used to, *BUT*, enthusiasm had waned for the Society and its purpose and that this may have had an effect. (*Obviously, this is what this very meeting was all about!*)

THE NEW POSSIBLE OBJECTIVES:

Mr. R. Guy proposed that these possible objectives be published in the next issue of the newsletter. Sec. Mr. K. Oliver. (*The reason for this proposal was to attempt to get some 'feed back' from you – the members. Ed.*)

The New Possible Objectives put forward at the Committee Meeting earlier in the day were put to the General Meeting.

1. Erection and Funding of new museum. *The meeting agreed that a fresh approach to this goal should be made when meeting to discuss the Society's objectives with the new Department.*
2. Visual displays around Jenolan of Historical significance. *This was met with approval, however, the impact of these displays in the area would have to be carefully considered.*
3. Restoration of the 'Leffel Wheel', i.e. first means of power generation at Jenolan. *This was met with 'quiet' interest but would be looked into further.*
4. Guidelines for future planning of Jenolan. Society to be more involved.
5. Flow of letters to the Department on a regular basis.
6. Closer liaison with Heritage Council and other historical institutions.
7. Expansion of the Newsletter. *This was met with unanimous agreement.*
8. Planning for the Sesqui-Centenary Celebrations – Society's involvement.
9. Dark Room facility – access to the old 'Graph Building'.
10. More caving trips and bushwalks throughout the year.
11. Photographic display (rotating on regular basis) at Ticket Box.
12. Closer involvement with those groups or persons who wish to prepare material on Jenolan in order to keep information as correct as possible.
13. Establishing archives in the correct way, possibly with the help of other historical societies to show us how this is done effectively. *Mr. S. Opper moved a motion that this be investigated, Sec. Mr. R. Newbold.*

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A motion was carried increasing the Museum Attendants Fee – Will be increased to \$20.00 per day. Hours 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. NO Lunch Break to be taken. This is a job for anyone in the Society over the age of 16 years. A most pleasant and satisfying task.

Please Volunteer – you good people – Ring the Guides' Office for further information.

The Treasurer sent to the Editor on the 3rd September, the following Statement regarding the Society's Funds:

Building Society Deposit	\$2,500.00
Bank Deposit	\$2,173.03
Banking to be Deposited	\$ 367.00

\$1000.00 is to be transferred to The Building Society Account from the Bank Account.

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A hearty welcome to our new members ...

The Le Brogue family	Brisbane, Queensland
Mr. & Mrs. L. Pulford	Keilor, Victoria
Sheri-Lee Evans	Jenolan Caves
Peter Gallegos	Jenolan Caves
Norm Jones	Chippendale
Syd. Hutchison	Ashfield

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We hope to publish letters and articles — extracts from books — anything which is related to Jenolan Caves and its history; about the Caves — the Reserve — the people of the area and the people who visit the area.

The first of these is entitled "The First Ten Years — Where to Now?" A Letter to the Editor by Phil McGuire, our Secretary and Casual Guide.

THE FIRST TEN YEARS — WHERE TO NOW?

Since the first meeting held on the 6th July, 1972, the Jenolan Caves Historical and Preservation has seen some amazing changes, both to Jenolan and the Society itself.

Formed originally to foster the accurate cataloguing of Jenolan's history together with the preservation of the caves and surrounding Reserve, J.C.H.A.P.S. achievements have often extended beyond these two criteria.

The first major achievement for the Society was the re-erection of the old Post Office. Built in 1898, this quaint little building, originally located next to the Souvenir Shop, was dismantled in 1973 to make way for the present Post Office and shelter area.

Many people, who had been visiting Jenolan for years, together with the Guiding Staff and Management, agreed that it was a very sad day indeed. Jenolan had lost some of its charm, some of its history.

In 1973, J.C.H.A.P.S. met to discuss plans for the re-erection of this building and its conversion into a temporary museum. J.C.H.A.P.S. was very fortunate in obtaining approval for this and even more fortunate when the Department of Public Works agreed to carry out this work.

Some time would have to elapse before the Society was in a position to afford better accommodation for a museum. Today, the little Post Office still serves as a museum at Jenolan, boasting a fine collection of historical photographs, books and artifacts with a new building still a little way off yet.

Those early days saw too the first major social event for J.C.H.A.P.S. In 1973, the first 'Smoke Concert' since 1896, was held in the Grand Arch. What's a Smoke Concert? Well, prior to the road reaching and passing through the Grand Arch, dancing and singing were often the order of the night down in that magnificent setting. Jeremiah Wilson, Keeper of the Caves 1867-1896, had a dance floor put into the Arch and the scene, complete with camp fires and music was relived again some 75 years later.

Smoke Concerts were held usually on the October long weekend and again on the Australia Day weekend and were a regular event for a few years. Unfortunately, as a result of certain circumstances, Smoke Concerts ceased. However, who knows, one day music and smoke may again billow from the Grand Arch.

A few members, back in that early period of the Society's development, contributed with their historical knowledge of Jenolan. These members, mostly from the guiding staff, put pen to paper on certain aspects concerning Jenolan and produced what are now referred to as 'Occasional Papers'. These include subjects like 'The Steam Cleaning of The Orient Cave' — 'Discovery of Imperial Cave' and a number of others. It is hoped that a few more might be produced soon.

Apart from these items of literature, certain maps have been reproduced including a map of the show caves prepared originally by Mr. Oliver S. Trickett, Jenolan's best remembered surveyor.

Other achievements of the Society include:

- (a) Removal of the coloured paint from inside of the Devil's Coachhouse. This paint was originally put in over certain areas during the 1950's for the filming of the movie 'Treasure Island'. It was supposed to disappear. However, it was only hard and sometimes dangerous work by Society members, led by the Head Guide, Mr. J. Culley, that made it disappear.
- (b) The years have also produced a vast collection of historical artifacts which, very shortly, will be properly catalogued.
- (c) 1979 saw the establishing of an annual Colonial Dance. These are usually held in November and have, so far, proved a tremendous success.
- (d) 1979 also saw recognition of the Society by the then Department of Tourism at the Centenary Celebration of the discovery of the Imperial Cave by Jeremiah Wilson in 1879. The Department's participation in the events was an invaluable one with the highlight having been the re-enactment of Mr. Wilson's descent into the cave and subsequent unveiling of a plaque in the cave by the Hon. Ken Booth, the then Minister of Tourism. This event took place on the 17th February, 1979.
- (e) Bushwalks and Caving trips, led by dedicated members of the Society, first took off with tremendous success during the Centenary Celebrations and have been maintained as often as is possible throughout the year. It is hoped that these types of activities will increase.
- (f) Today the society can boast a healthy bank balance and a membership in excess of 120 persons.

"Where to Now?" — I draw your attention to the list of "New Possible Objectives" — This was

drawn up to promote a fresh approach for the Society's future. Now, here is your opportunity as a member to contribute to that future.

The Society will not survive without your participation and active involvement.

I ask for your comments, opinions and ideas on Jenolan's future.

Write to me – PHIL McGUIRE, C/- GUIDES OFFICE, JENOLAN CAVES, N.S.W. 2790.

Let's hope the next 10 years sees a happy and prosperous association between Jenolan and those who care about it.

PHIL McGUIRE

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The next Article (in 2 Parts) is a translation from the French by one of our own members – Past Senior Vice President, John Dunkerly.

THE JENOLAN CAVES – IN THE BLUE MOUNTAINS, AUSTRALIA

by Albert Tissandier

Translated from "Les Grottes de Jenolan dans les Montagnes Bleues." par M. Albert Tissandier
Spelunca, Bulletin de la Societe de Speleologie, No. 1, January-March, 1895, pp. 50-56.

Translator's Note: Wherever possible, the original text has been translated literally, so that the poetic delights of French prose are retained. Occasional licence has been taken where necessary to clarify obscure phrases. Appropriate discretion has been used in selecting the most appropriate alternative where several meanings are evident. Units of measurement are as in the original.

"When the traveller has reached the Australian continent, he feels deceived when gazing on the scenery which unfolds before his eyes during the long hours of train travel from one place to another. From Brisbane, capital of Queensland, down to Sydney in New South Wales, with some rare exceptions the panorama is monotonous and of little beauty. Always there are boundless plains or eucalyptus-covered ground. It's all the same, from Sydney to Melbourne, capital of the colony of Victoria, and round to Adelaide, in South Australia.

In Sydney, a city whose characteristics are exactly those of an American city, one is happy to learn that some truly picturesque places can be visited closed at hand; these are the Blue Mountains, which can be reached by rail in four hours. They are one of the greatest attractions of the Australian colony of New South Wales and are considered locally to be the equal of a new Switzerland or Pyrenees. They should not be compared to these superb European mountains, but they are possessed of some true geological marvels, which can be counted among the most celebrated in the whole world.

These are the Jenolan Caves, stalactite-filled grottos discovered by Mr. James Whalan in 1841,

during a pursuit with his mounted police to take Ewan (sic), the famous bushranger who was terrorising the countryside. The caves remained almost unknown to the public 1868, the time when the government of New South Wales placed the Blue Mountains in public domain. Mr. Jeremiah Wilson, a geologist already known by his remarkable work, was placed in charge of preparing the caves and was appointed caretaker.

The limestones which make up the mountains of this area are rich in fossil shells. They also contain some gold, silver and lead.

The caves and the Blue Mountains soon arouse curiosity; their reputation grows day by day. All the picturesque places, close to which there are comfortable hotels, are now travelled over in summer by Australian tourists. They come to pick flowers and gather the magnificent ferns which abound at the bottoms of narrow gorges. Families spend whole days in these places, worthy abodes of the fairies, and gather to have pleasant picnics. To meet their needs, they even find the most beautiful spots near pretty waterfalls, some chairs and tables, even a rough fireplace put in the right spot in the rocks by official Blue Mountains men, who go looking for dead wood in the forest, making the few wild kangaroos bound away before them. These gracious animals are respected in this area, where strict laws protect them. The most renowned countryside of the Blue Mountains is near Blackheath; the great fall of Govett's Leap which, falling over a sheer wall of almost 160 metres, loses itself in a pretty valley enclosed by beautiful vertical crags, the magnificent Wentworth Falls forming different stages, those of Katoomba and finally the neighbourhood of Mt. Victoria, can be counted among the most interesting points of this attractive area. The highest points of the Blue Mountains are about 1200 metres above sea level; they make up a sort of plateau with a monotonous outlook. Surrounded on all sides by precipices and high walls, they seem to spring up from the depths of the narrow valleys or deep gorges, a glimpse of which is very rewarding. The stony masses of the heights, always formed of layers of sandstone, as at Mt. Victoria for example, are covered by poorly developed eucalypts with few leaves, whereas the bottoms of ravines are hidden beneath luxuriant vegetation of tree ferns and lofty trees the roots of which, watered by cool streams, disappear beneath the moss.

Jenolan Caves are found not far from the modern little town of Katoomba, at an altitude of 1018 metres, 66 miles from Sydney, the parts so far explored beneath the mountain vary between about 182 and 365 metres in an almost horizontal direction. In depth they go down close to 280 metres. In the underground grottos the temperature never varies despite the seasons of the year; it never goes below 10°C., nor above 18°C. The grottos of Lucas Cave alone, discovered in 1860, are a little warmer as a result of the absence of air currents and perhaps also on account of the influence of a small underground stream found there. As well, it possesses an interesting stalagmite more than nine metres in circumference. One of its rooms is nearly 50 metres high (the Cathedral). The most curious of all these caves are those which can be viewed in daylight. There are two of these, which are truly of remarkable beauty. The first, the Grand Arch, the floor of which is 745 metres above sea level, is a kind of huge tunnel through which runs a pretty stream named Camp Creek. In former times, before the hotel was built, travellers stopped in this cave to pass the night. They found shelter there.

(... to be Continued ...)

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**NEXT MEETING: WILL BE HELD IN THE BALLROOM – CAVES HOUSE,
ON SATURDAY, 13th NOVEMBER, 1982 AT 8.30 p.m.**

COMMITTEE MEETING AT 4.00 p.m.
Check at Guides Office for location of Meeting.

ALADDIN CAVE TRIP

Once again the Senior Guide has given his permission for our members to join a conducted caving trip to this interesting ex-tourist cave – it has not been on the roster of "Show Caves" for some 30 years.

The Trip is open to financial members of the Society both Ladies and Gentlemen of minimum age – 18 years – and reasonably active physical fitness. Each will require a torch and old cloths as dress for the event.

Limit 20 persons – meeting at 1.30 p.m. beside the Post Office opposite the Guides Office.

SATURDAY, 13th NOVEMBER, 1982

Ring for Reservations: PETER CULLEY – Guides Office (063) – 5538

BILL BUCKLEY – (02) 76-9287

COMING EVENT??

If YOU and YOUR friends want it – another COLONIAL DANCE on the SATURDAY night of 12th FEBRUARY, 1983. Please let us know if you and yours will be coming or not – it's very important that the Committee knows "if and how many".

Barry Richards



Jenolan Caves Historical and Preservation Society

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- * The Aladdin Cave Trip, 13 November, 1982, set aside for Historical Society Members only, had the poor response of only 3 participants.
- * Our Membership has dropped to 107 members! Can each of us do something to try to slow down the decline in members?
- * Member, B. Milne, is to be promoting interest in the Society when he displays electrical items of historical value along with an information sheet at various Bottle Shows.
- * At the November General Meeting consideration was given to the list of objectives printed in the last Newsletter. It was decided that Objective 2 be put into effect with close liaison with local authorities. The motion was carried that the Society should contact Lithgow Technical College and/or Wallerawang Power Station to investigate the feasibility of restoring the Leefel Wheel.

SOCIAL EVENTS

- * **New Year's Eve:** The November meeting was informed of the proposal for a New Year's Eve Mardi Gras to be organised by the Jenolan Community. The Organisations at Jenolan, i.e. Bushfire Brigade, P & C, Staff Club and

JCH&PS, are to finance the proposal and then receive the financial benefit of the event. While there is to be a band for older persons there is also to be provision for the children. There will also be a BBQ.

- * There is to be an Historical Society BBQ in February between the Committee Meeting and the evening AGM. Those Members being accommodated in Caves House should be able to arrange that Dinner for the evening not be included in their tariff.

 - * The response to the Colonial Dance referred to in the last Newsletter – NONE. This Dance is to be held after the November, 1983 meeting instead.
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

I have very little to report on. One thing which I think is important and that is I have noticed over the last 3 to 5 years that the society has been going "slowly downhill" – To me there does not appear to be the same enthusiasm that there was before – 7 to 8 years ago. I don't know if it is lack of communication or a loss of interest. We have 107 members but only a very small number were at the Annual General Meeting – in fact just enough present to elect the new committee.

No one wanted the dreaded position of President. The only reason I took it on was to enable us to continue and try to keep the "show on the road".

So I want your suggestions for the future – how can we rejuvenate the Society?

PETER CULLEY, c/- P.O. Jenolan Caves, 2790.

EDITORIAL:

While leading the last Aladdin Cave trip (with only 3 members of our Society) it seemed to me that our reasons for meeting at the Caves had lost its impact. Our members apparently don't want to travel that far for a meeting and one Cave trip; which after all is not everyone's idea of a Saturday afternoon's entertainment. So maybe we should consider a meeting in Sydney where the bulk of membership resides and talk about Jenolan — discuss its past as an Historical Society and help plan its future as interested members of the preservation segment of the same society.

Then come November, (the warmer time for meeting at Jenolan) we could have a concentrated weekend of activities — such as another caving trip and a bush walk on the Saturday afternoon (2 separate activities at the same time) — a dance in the evening — another walk to a different place on the Sunday morning after breakfast as has been done before — then the cost of the weekend could be money well spent and the time at Jenolan a memorable occasion. Let me know your thoughts before or during the next meeting on 12th February, 1983, the Annual General Meeting.

KEN BUCKLEY)
BILL BUCKLEY) Co-editors

MY FIRST VISIT

The first time I went to Jenolan was in 1915, when I was 15 or 16. I went up with my mother and father for the day. The first thing my father did when we got there was to go straight into the billiard room, which was then through a door just to the right of the vestibule, where the lounge bar is now.

I remember that time going through the Left Imperial Cave, which is now the Chifley Cave, and I remember seeing the Indian Blanket, that vivid little shawl on the right hand side as you go down the steps. That has always stuck in my mind.

Who is W.H.?

W.H.

THE START OF REGULAR VISITS

I started to go to Jenolan regularly in 1932. I went up in January 1932 by the Caves Express. It left Sydney at 10-22; generally first stop was Springwood but sometimes it was first stop Katoomba. When we got to Mount Victoria we had lunch and then we got into a big Leyland bus with solid rubber tyres.

The driver's name was Les Wilson, and I believe he used to live at Hampden. When he stood up at the front of the bus he was on a kind of raised platform. There was a lot of vibration in that bus, and I remember that it had a very long lever for the handbrake. We left Mount Victoria at two o'clock, stopped at Hampden for a few minutes and got to Jenolan at four o'clock.

W.H.

Steven Opper



Jenolan Caves Historical and Preservation Society

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EDITORIAL

At a meeting last year, we agreed upon 10 objectives that the society should try to achieve. A motion was also passed that these 10 objectives be read out at every Annual General Meeting and a report be made on the progress obtained on each of these objectives.

At the last Annual General Meeting the objectives were not even read out, let alone reported on.

So is it with our society, that when it's all said and done, 90% is said and 10% done?

KEN BUCKLEY (Editor)

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 1983

The meeting was held on 12th February, 1983 in the Ballroom, Jenolan Caves House. There were approximately 35 members present. The following reports were offered to the meeting.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: The President's Report consisted of the reading of letters from concerned members. The letters were in response to the President's request in the last newsletter. We thank the following persons: Miss J. Cullen, Mr. G. Dalley, Mr. G. Molesworth, Mr. S. Hutchinson, Mr. Le Broque for the concern they showed by taking the time and trouble to write.

One of the letters suggested that the minimum age limit for the Aladin Cave trip be lowered to accommodate more young people. This, the meeting agreed to, and further trips will allow children over 10 years to participate.

TREASURER'S REPORT:	\$2,500.00	Building Society Account
	\$2,233.31	Bank Account
	\$ 350.00	Map Sales
	\$ 94.00	Membership
	\$ 728.68	Stock on Hand

The Mardi Gras returned us a profit of \$84.64. The books were at the Auditors and consequently no official Balance Sheet was available.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: The Membership Secretary reported our membership is now to 114 Members including 2 Life Members.

We welcome to the Society:

Mr. & Mrs. D. L. Short and Family
 Mr. N. Jones
 Mr. & Mrs. B. Stenhouse
 Mr. & Mrs. P. Darcy
 Miss C. Wheel

Mr. G. Dawes
 Mr. K. Wallace
 Miss D. Collins-Clarke
 Miss M. Sinclair

And hope they can benefit from the Society.

Mr. E. Holland reported to the meeting the results of his enquiries with regard to the Leffel Wheel Restoration. He approached Wallerawang Power Station and was informed by the Apprentice Master that it would be a suitable project for the apprentices. However, it would require an allocation of money from the appropriate Government Department. We hope a decision will be made in the near future.

The following is an Extract from page 37 of "Romance of Jenolan" by Ward L. Havard. Read before the Royal Australian Historical Society, November 28, 1933.

In 1884, arrangements were made with Cracknell for installing electric light in parts of the caves, so that objects might be seen to greater advantage and the formations preserved from discolouration by smoke from candles then in use. The lighting of the Imperial Cave was finished in January, 1887. A six horse-power vertical steam engine in the Grand Arch drove the "electric-dynamo-machine" capable of lighting twenty-five incandescent lamps arranged in circuits of that number. When the question of extension arose, the existing power being inadequate, a Leffel (turbine) wheel capable of working to fifteen horse-power was erected in 1889-1890 at the foot of the first waterfall below the Grand Arch. Water was delivered to the wheel through six hundred and seventy feet of wrought iron piping from a small dam near the present bridge. The wheel ran a new one hundred-light Crompton dynamo, to which it was connected direct by belting. The Imperial Cave lights were then steadier and more brilliant than they had been with the steam engine.

In 1893, in order to light the Lucas Cave with electricity, a new dynamo and six arc lamps and fittings were procured from the Western Electric Company, Chicago. The Leffel wheel was removed to a position from which it could operate both dynamos. The work of lighting the Lucas Cave was finished in June—July, 1894. The arc lamps were suspended in the principal chambers, and there were about seventy passage lamps. After running successfully for over thirteen years, the Leffel wheel was still in use, after repairs, in 1904.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The new officers for 1983-84 are as follows:

President:	David Hearne	Research Officer:	S. McLean
Vice Presidents:	Bill Buckley Maureen Sullivan	Ass. Research Officer:	S. Evans
Secretary:	Cathrine Sullivan	Committee:	K. Buckley P. McGuire P. Cully
Ass. Secretary:	Michael Chilcott		S. O'Gorman
Treasurer:	Steven Moore		J. Pemble
M/Ship Secretary:	Anne Hearne		G. Plumber
Curators:	Keith Oliver Steven Oppen		J. Oliver
Patron:	H. Coates	Department Rep.	G. Dube Caves House Manager
Trustees:	V. Onarato, W. Heiron, J. Pemble		

The only office vacant is that of Assistant Treasurer. At the completion of the election of officers, Mr. Dube expressed the view that our meetings should be more informal. Also that we should endeavour to arrange for a guest speaker, slides or a film to maintain membership interest.

The **barbeque** that was held on 12/2/83 between the committee meeting and the Annual General Meeting was a great success. 14 Families (50 people) attended, the cooking was done by Ern Holland and the salad preparation by Enid Ritchie, thanks to you both.

The **raffle** for the cassette box was won by Mr. S. O'Gorman, a member of our society. The cassette box was hand made by Mr. W. Heiron who kindly donated it. The raffle raised \$59.00 for the society.

Mr. G. Dube then addressed the meeting. He offered the following suggestions, which he hopes to implement. The naming of the floors and sections of Caves House after people prominent in the history of the Caves. The use of Caves House for the display of photographs of Jenolan's history. With regard to the 1988 Bicentenary, he hopes that the Nettle and Arch Redevelopment will be completed. Also he mentioned the possibility of a steam engine hauled rail tour as part of the celebrations.

It was moved, seconded and carried by the meeting that a cage be installed in the Post Office Museum. This will enable the museum to be opened so that the public can view the exhibits which in turn will be protected by the "cage" even if the building is unattended. It has been realised that it is virtually impossible to man the Museum on a regular basis.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Monday, 11th April	Social Night in Sydney.
Saturday, 28th May	General Meeting — Jenolan Caves.
Saturday, 13th August	General Meeting — Jenolan Caves.
Saturday, 12th November	Colonial Dance — Jenolan Caves.
Saturday, 11th February, 1984	General Meeting — Jenolan Caves.

MONDAY, 11th APRIL — SOCIAL NIGHT IN SYDNEY

This night of entertainment is to be held in the Masonic Hall, 44 Beresford Road, Strathfield. We aim to start at 7.45 p.m. We will be showing the Audio-Visual Programme. This was prepared by the Department of Tourism from slides loaned by members of our Society. It was prepared in 1979 as part of the celebrations to mark the discovery of the Imperial Cave 100 years earlier.

We will also have on display artifacts from the Society's Museum Collection, most of which have never been on display before.

We also hope to show the Ralph Symond's film, this film was made between 1949-1950. The film is very interesting historically, as it gives us an insight into what a visit to the caves was like in that period. Ralph Symonds spared nothing in the making of this film, it is in 16 mm. colour and he had to provide his own lighting generator to be able to film within the caves.

We hope to see you, your family and any interested friends you may wish to invite. The only thing I ask you to do, is to telephone me, Ken Buckley (02) 76-9287, and advise me of the number of people attending, as we will be providing supper.

12th NOVEMBER, 1983 – COLONIAL DANCE

The Society will be holding a weekend of entertainment culminating in a Colonial Dance. The Itinerary for the weekend is as follows:

- 12/11/83 Saturday Afternoon – Caving Trip to Aladdin Cave. Limited to financial members. 10 years and older. Maximum number in the party is 15.
Also A Historic bushwalk to Mammoth Flat. This is a separate activity apart from the caving trip. This is open to anyone who wants to participate.

Saturday Evening – The Colonial Dance: Further details to follow in next newsletter.

- 13/11/83 Sunday Morning – Bushwalk down the historically important Six Foot track. We will be walking the last 2 miles only.

Notes on the "Six Foot" – The bridle track from Katoomba to the caves is the shortest and by far the wildest and most picturesque. It was defined by Mr. W. M. Cooper over a period of 10 days during March – April 1884, offering employment to some 75 men who worked on it during a time of economic recession. It cost over 2000 pounds (\$4,000.00) but it was (and still is) only fit for horses or walking.

CAVES INSPECTIONS

The postmistress used to sell the cave tickets. I think she got free accommodation for doing that; for running the post office she was paid by the PMG. She had a little ticket window in the post office where she would sell the tickets an hour before the inspections. Her name was Miss Welsh.

The inspections used to go in at 10 o'clock and 2 o'clock. Outside the ticket office they used to have a sign like a railway station sign. The cave names were written on enamelled sheets beside the guide's number. Each guide had his own number but Mr. Bradley had a star, so he was known as the 'Star Guide'. If you liked a particular guide you would watch out for the cave he was taking.

People used to say "Don't go in with number two, he's awful". And he knew it. "Look", he said to me, "if they're interested, I am. If they're not interested I'll get them out as quick as they like". The trouble was that you could get a couple of people who were interested in geology and would want to know all about the strata and so on. The other people would say "What have they slipped him? – What have they given him?". But number two was all right; I went in with him a few times. It's like everything else; the public are hard to please.

The visitors would all assemble down in the Grand Arch at 10 o'clock or 2 o'clock. But later they started to leave one guide outside in the mornings, to pick up stragglers. People would arrive at half past ten and would not wait till the afternoon to see the caves.

The porters at the house were casual guides. I remember one of them, Arthur Perkins, who was there for thirty years and died a wealthy man with property in Wollongong. I often saw Arthur running down from the house with his uniform on, to take a special inspection. In those days if you had a party of four or five, and were prepared to pay an extra pound, they would put a special guide on.

W.H.

WHAT IS THE SHAMBLES?

At Jenolan Caves, it refers to a section of the Left Imperial Cave (New Chifley Cave) which for many years was part of the general inspection. It was originally shown by candle light.

It is again being shown by candle light!

Next time you are at the caves look for it on the programme or make enquiries about it at the ticket office. It's quite an experience — an inspection with a difference!

To increase your interest and involvement with the Newsletter and Jenolan, we are starting a question and answer service. You can write to the editor with your question — it will be answered by one of our panel — if it is of personal interest only, it will be answered by mail — however, if it is of sufficient general interest it will also be included — with the answer, in the next Newsletter —

Write to: K. Buckley, 4 Boden Avenue, Strathfield. N.S.W. 2135.

QUESTION: How did the "Shambles" get such a name?

ANSWER: Next Newsletter.



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EDITORIAL:

Let's make our Colonial Dance — Activities Weekend — a Back to Jenolan Weekend for those not so regular attenders. You will find that Jenolan has more to offer than just caves!

KEN BUCKLEY (Editor)

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GENERAL MEETING:

The meeting was held on 28th May 1983 in the Television Room of Jenolan Caves House. There were 16 people present. The following reports were offered to the meeting:

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

The President reported that the restoration of the Leffel Wheel would not be done by the apprentices of Wallerawang Power Station. (*Can you help us with any suggestions? Ed.*) He also passed around a portfolio of black and white drawings. These drawings were of Jenolan and were presented to the Society by the artist, Mrs. Short.

CURATORS' REPORT:

The Curators reported that as the original catalogue of the Societies belongings has been misplaced they have started the process again.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

The Society now has a membership of 120.

We welcome — Mrs. F. L. Horne, Mrs. J. Pucci and sons, Mr. M. Girling and Mr. R. P. Stubbs and hope they, and the Society, benefit from their Membership.

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The following matters were also discussed:

- The social night held in Sydney on April 11, 1983 was a great success. The 36 people who attended were shown a tape and slide presentation, a display of artifacts from the Society's Museum Collection and a delightful supper. Thanks are extended to all involved.
- The price of the Trickett Historical Map was raised from 30 cents to 50 cents, as this was felt to be a truer reflection of their worth, although they're still a bargain buy.
- Members endorsed a move by Steve Opper, to have a plaque placed at the entrance to a high level area of Barralong Cave, the plaque would serve to inform cavers of the fragility of the cave past the plaque. It would also explain that a photographic record of the area had been made and of the necessity not to proceed into this area, if this section of the cave were to be properly conserved (*Conserved for what? Ed.*)

The next meeting of the Society will be on August 15th, 1983. This is a Monday evening with a change of venue. The venue will be the Masonic Hall, 44 Beresford Road, Strathfield. The meeting starts at 8.00 p.m. (*A plate of goodies for supper would be appreciated. Ed.*)

Assistant Secretary, M.Chilcott – 89 Kingston Street, Haberfield, N.S.W. 2045 – 798-3742 – would appreciate receiving notice of any items members would like to raise at the August meeting.

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NETTLE AND ARCH CAVES

LOCATION AND HISTORY:

The Nettle and Arch Caves are located in the upper, southern region of the Devil's Coachhouse, an old wooden ladder which connects the two caves is clearly visible to visitors walking through the Coachhouse. Both caves are very near to the Imperial and Chifley Caves and the latter has a direct connection with the Nettle Cave through the Sculptor's Studio and Architect's Studio. Entrance is presently gained to the Nettle and Arch Caves by descending a new stairway through Carlotta's Arch into the Arch Cave, although the original visitors' entrance was into the Nettle Cave via a set of stairs, which ascended from the eastern side of the Grand Arch.

The early history of the caves is poorly documented although it is probable that Charles Whalan discovered the caves in the early 1840's. The Nettle and Arch Caves were both tourist caves until 1932, and between the time of their discovery and closure considerable damage was inflicted on them by visitors. Little use has been made of the caves since 1932.

RECENT PROPOSALS:

For several years now it has been mooted that the Nettle and Arch Caves would be re-opened for public inspection. The first step in this direction was the construction of a new public access path from the Carlotta's Arch lookdown. The type of tour to be developed within the caves has not been finalized, although discussion has centred on the possibility of a self guided tour, similar to those developed in other cave systems.

To date little work has been carried out within the Nettle and Arch Caves, so that the form of development is still in the planning stages. Some work has been completed. A topographic survey of the caves has been carried out by Keith Oliver and Alex Opper and the geological 'resources' of the cave thereby defined. However no survey has been conducted of other resources within the cave.

During an incidental inspection of the caves in 1982 it was observed that the Nettle and Arch Caves would present to the cave visitor a wealth of material which reflected both the social and to a greater extent, the biological history of the caves.

The social attitudes of a past generation of visitors to the caves are reflected in a curious way in the damage present in the cave, e.g. the destruction of cave decoration and signatures on the caves' walls, and highlight the marked change in social consciousness over the past one hundred and fifty years.

Throughout the Nettle and Arch Caves the visitor also encounters signs of past faunal occupation which also tell a story. In February 1983, a survey was conducted to record the extent of the biological resources which included bone deposits, large areas of floor space covered with bat guano and signs of owl feeding. The aim of this survey was to inventory the biological resources within the cave so that these might be taken into account in the development of the caves.

The results of the survey will be reported in detail at a later meeting of the Society.

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QUESTION AND ANSWERS:

THE ANSWERS –

The question posed in the last Newsletter was "How did the 'Shambles' get such a name?"

The word 'Shambles' means – a slaughter-house; also a meat market. In the city of York in England is a narrow street containing numerous butcher shops and the section of the Chifley Cave was apparently named after the narrow street in York – OR – as an alternative meaning, a place of great destruction and disorder. We would suggest the first explanation is the most likely as most of the visitors and cave guide(s) would be migrants from the U.K. or first generation Australians of United Kingdom parents.

Our par inviting questions on Jenolan Caves and the history of the area brought a very quick response from a member who asked three questions which we have investigated by reading old papers and by asking the senior staff at the Caves for help.

(1) "What is the history of the 'Grecian Bend' and how did it get its name?"

It is a small cave branching off to the right of the pathway of the Imperial Cave about 15 metres before the Bone Display at the sink-hole. It is a short passage leading down some steps and then a steeply graded dirt path about 10 metres long to a single small chamber, sparsely decorated in the higher section (maybe 4 metres to the roof) but with a nice pool deposit on

the left side of the floor. It would have been shown in earlier times when parties were much smaller in number — it can only accommodate 10-15 persons at one time.

The name — to quote a very large dictionary — "Grecian Bend ¹ an affected posture — fashionable among women of the 19th Century — in which the body inclined forward from the hips" "² — A bustle." In the chamber there is a pillar with a bulge on one side — undoubtedly the cave was named after this formation which does look like the torso of a woman wearing a bustle.

(2) "What is known of the 'Lily of the Valley'?"

It's a small low passage — dirt floor leading ahead when the Jubilee Cave pathway starts up the flight of steps to the right towards Cooks Cavern. The 'Lily of the Valley' section has never been developed to any extent — no lights — no hand rails or protective wiring have been installed. It would have been a very limited party inspecting a rather dull passageway, probably named after a small cluster of white helectites which could be likened to the small flower known as the Lily of the Valley.

(3) "How did 'Wray's Fernery' get its name and where has it gone?"

Despite many hours of research and questioning your reporters can find no reference to a 'Wray's Fernery'. However there is a small beautifully decorated little crystal formation known as 'The Fernery', just past the 'duck under' of the Jubilee Left Branch at the beginning of the ascent to the Alabaster Hall.

Thanks to N.M. for those interesting questions. We will do all that is possible to answer questions put by our members.

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DATES TO REMEMBER:

AUGUST 15TH -- GENERAL MEETING IN SYDNEY

SEPT. 24TH -- COLONIAL DANCE -- JENOLAN CAVES

COLONIAL DANCE -- ACTIVITIES WEEKEND:

Please note the date of the Colonial Dance has been changed from 12th November to the 24th September. The change of date is for the following reasons: Better climate at Jenolan at this time of the year, more suitable for our bushwalks and dancing. And not being so close to Christmas makes it more convenient for most people.

Please change or arrange your bookings soon, we have a block booking of 20 rooms in Caves House until 31st July, 1983.

The Itinerary for the weekend is as follows:

24/9/83 Saturday Afternoon – Caving Trip to Aladdin Cave. Limited to financial members. 10 years and older. Maximum number in the party is 15.

Also A Historic bushwalk to Mammoth Flat. This is a separate activity apart from the caving trip. This is open to anyone who wants to participate.

Saturday Evening – The Colonial Dance

25/9/83 Sunday Morning – Bushwalk down the historically important Six Foot track. We will be walking the last 2 miles only.

To book for the Aladdin Cave Inspection, ring the Buckley's (02) 76-9287.

Requirements: Average physical fitness, a torch (electric), wearing old clothes and a readiness to get mud on oneself.

The Dance will start at 8.00 p.m. and is to be held in the Ballroom of Caves House. The band is 'The Eight Mile Swamp Creek Bush Band'. The cost of the dance is \$6.00 per family or \$4.00 per person, supper is included.

Dress: The period dress of the time (1880-1890) is favoured – however come in costume or out of it!

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"CAVES INSPECTION" (Cont'd from last Newsletter)

SOME OLD FASHIONED SERVICE

When we got out of the bus two porters would run out and take our luggage into the vestibule. You would go up to the reception desk which was where the lift is now – the old lift used to face the stairway. You would be given a card with your room number – there were no keys in those days. The porter would pick up your bags, get in the lift with you, tell you the inspection times and times for meals, and put your bags in the room.

At night time, when you were having your dinner, the housemaid would come back on duty. She would take the quilt off the bed, fold the bedclothes back, and if your night clothes were handy she would put them out for you. Then when you went to bed you would put your shoes outside the door and they were cleaned for you.

In those days, there was a man on duty all night. At the top of every stairway there was a

phone, so that if there was any emergency you could call down to the night porters. That night porter also used to clean the ballroom and the lounge and other places.

When you were going the porters would be given a list of the people who were leaving on the bus. He would get the bags and take them down. You would leave at about four o'clock, or half past, have afternoon tea on Mount Victoria railway station and get back to Sydney at about nine or ten o'clock.

MR. FIRBANK

When a guide was listed for a cave but nobody had brought tickets he would have to go and do other work; this was called having a 'skinner'. Often, when I was in the Grand Arch I would meet a guide who had a skinner. Mr. Firbank, who was number one, asked me one day if I would like to go for a walk with him. I said "Yes, where are you going?" He said "I'm going to the Lucas, I've got to pick up some rubbish." So I went with him, the back way; we could not go the front way because there was a party in there.

BERT BECKMANN

The same thing happened with Bert Beckmann. He met me and asked me what I was doing. He said "Come for a walk?" So I went into the Temple of Baal with him.

The guides could tell you more, with only you there, than they could with a party. We used to sit down and have a talk, to fill in the time. On the day I went in with Bert we were looking up at the formation called Baal and I said to Bert "who puts the light up there when it goes off?" He said "I do". He used to climb up a set of spikes in the wall and there was nothing else to hang on to. I asked him if he didn't get nervous. "No", he said, "but when your foot starts to slip a bit your tummy goes all over".

In those days they had naked switches for the lights in the caves. Some guides would use a bit of rubber to move the switches, some would use their hats, others would use their handkerchiefs, but Bert didn't use anything. I watched him and the sparks would go flying. "Don't you get a shock?" I asked. "No", he said, "watch; my hands are dry".

Bert lived on his own in one of those little huts on the side of the hill above the boiler house. One day he invited me to go up and have a look at the wireless set that he had made himself. He turned it on and it gave a beautiful sound. It was loud and it could also get Western Australia — in those days that was some feat. But it had no cover; it just lay flat on a piece of packing case. I asked him why he didn't make a cabinet for it. "Got no wood." So I told him that I would send some up to him. I got the timber that I thought he would need and arranged with the people in the tourist bureau to have it sent up to him. The next time I was there Bert thanked me and said "I want you to have a look at the tail of my shirt". This puzzled me so I went up to his hut and saw that he had made a lovely cabinet. And there, where they used to put a piece of silk over the speaker, was the tail of Bert's shirt, washed and ironed.

Bert was guide number five and I think that he was the most versatile man they ever had. There was nothing went wrong in Jenolan that he didn't fix. If the possums were electrocuted he would be up there to get them down. If anything went wrong in the kitchen it was "get Bert!"

When the punt used to sink in the River Cave, Bert used to dive down, with no clothes on and put the chain underneath. He said it was too cold to have a costume on. One day he was diving to put the chain under when he heard the footsteps of a party coming through with a number two guide, Archie Taite. Archie was always up to some devilment and this time he had a party of girls. There was no place where Bert could get out and hide because there was just the path in and the path out. So all he could do was swim under the little bridge. He told me that he got hold of the bridge with his hands and threw his body up under it. Bert was shivering like one thing and in comes Archie with the girls. He saw Bert there and stood the girls right over him. "Look girls, it's (so many) feet deep and it's flowing slowly ..." He kept on talking. The manager and the engineer were there, so finally the manager said "Come on there, move on please, move on". That story was told to me by both parties.

THE WISHING POOL

In the Right Imperial Cave there was a wishing pool down at the underground river. People used to throw money in there and the guides used to have to go in and get it out. I asked Mr. Bradley if I could go and help and he said yes. I used to run back to the guides' office and get anything they wanted. While I was there one time a party came through but when the guide said "come on, let's go out" one of the fellows stayed back. The guide asked him to go up and the chap pointed at me and said "if he can stop here, why can't I?" But the guide said "he's one of us".

To get the money out we would put planks across the water. We would lean across the planks and use tins with holes in them to scoop the money out onto the plank. The water was so cold that you might be able to pick up a two bob in your hand, but you couldn't manage a sixpence or a threepence because your fingers were too numb. One day the guide I was helping took off and went into the water to get the money we couldn't reach. He was in there about two minutes and when he came out he had to run up and down the stairs getting the circulation back. We got two buckets of money out that day.

One day the guide was telling the party down there how the money went to the hospitals in Bathurst, Lithgow and Katoomba when one chap asked if people's wishes came true. A little voice said "mine did". The guide asked "if it's not too personal, madam, what was your wish?" She said "I'm on my honeymoon now."

RADIO 2GB's TOURS TO JENOLAN

In the 1930's, about once a year, 2GB used to have a tour to Jenolan. This would be announced over the air, and people could contact the station to join in. They would go up on Friday and stay till Monday. With them would go the radio personalities, 'Uncle George', 'Uncle Frank',

Wally Baines from the Tourist Bureau (a comedian who used to be on the radio), 'Bimbo', Mr. Steltzer and 'Auntie Val' who used to run the Bluebirds' League over the radio.

It was generally in May when they went, and we were up there at the same time on a couple of occasions. On Mother's Day Uncle Frank would go round the breakfast tables and give each mother, whether she was in his party or not, a Mother's Day poem.

On Saturday night we would have a first class concert. They had a couple of New Zealanders, Reg Morgan and Albert Russell, a good pianist and a good singer.

Uncle Frank used to have a radio Sunday school. When he was up there on Sundays he would conduct the Sunday school from the Cathedral Cave. This time he had Reg Morgan and Albert Russell. They took a collapsible organ in; it would fold up just like a portmanteau so it could be carried. They also had Eileen Boyd, the famous singer. The Lithgow Brass Band were there and they played 'Nearer my God to Thee'; that was beautiful. One of the New Zealanders (I forget which) sang 'The Stranger of Galilee'.

Bert Beckmann told me that he took his wireless into the Temple of Baal and picked up the broadcast in there. So it went all the way by landline from the Cathedral Cave down to Homebush and back over the air to the Temple of Baal.

On Monday morning, before they left, the party would go up McKeown's Creek to the area where the wallaby enclosure is now. There they would have sports, races for the children, skipping for the girls; and they would give souvenir presents to the winners.

W.H.

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EDITORIAL:

This news letter is our only communication with some members. So let's make it worthwhile, send us your ideas, impressions, comments, articles, memoirs — anything of interest for the good of our society.

KEN BUCKLEY (Editor)

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

November 12th, 1983 GENERAL MEETING. Jenolan Caves — Cathedral Chamber, Lucas Cave.

February 18th, 1984 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. Please Note: That this is a change from February, 11th. The change is due to the fact that Caves House has been fully booked by another group on that weekend.

PLANS FOR MEETING IN CATHEDRAL CHAMBER:

Meet in Foyer of Caves House at 8.00 p.m., bring with you a small portable seat so you will be comfortable during the meeting.

It has been arranged that Ron Newbould will give a talk on some of the history of the Lucas Cave.

MAILING ADDRESS:
THE EDITOR, J.C.H.A.P.S. NEWSLETTER
4 BODEN AVENUE, STRATHFIELD. N.S.W. 2135

GENERAL MEETING:

Report on Meeting held on Monday, 15th August, 1983. The meeting was held in Sydney for the first time. The President, David Hearn chaired the meet, and there were 21 Society Members present.

- Colonial Dance – The Society was granted permission to hold the dance in the Ballroom of Caves House on 24th September. See reports elsewhere in this newsletter.
- Barrolog Plaque – Steve Oppen reported that the Senior Guide, John Cully, had granted permission for the plaque to be placed in the high level area of Barrolog Cave. (For further details see August Newsletter).
- Curators' Report – The report was received from Steve Oppen who noted that during recent upgrading of the sewerage line at Jenolan, workers had discovered the original sewerage works. Steve said that this discovery was now being documented.
- Membership Report – Membership of the Society is now 123. The Society welcomes two new members, JACKIE KATZ and FRANK WHETTAM.

Also please note some members are un-financial. If you are one of these, please rectify this situation quickly.

- Memoirs of the Late Dr. Roy Kinghorn – These were tabled for inspection by the members present. They had been obtained by Mr. Heiron, for the Society. David Hearn noted that the material contained considerable information on the Flora and Fauna of the Caves area.
- The Old Bridge – Bill Buckley pointed out that the old bridge on the eastern side of the Grand Arch, built in 1896 was originally built for horse travel. However, he said that due to continual upgrading of the road into Jenolan, the bridge deck now had a cover of 50 cm of bitumen which altered its character considerably. David Hearn agreed to seek some indication of the ownership of the bridge and its current listing by the Heritage Commission with a view to having the bridge restored to its original form.
- Leffel Wheel – Steve Oppen agreed to investigate the possibility of installing a small information sign near the site of the Leffel Wheel. The sign would explain to visitors of the site's significance and the role which it played in past years.
- Further Meetings in Sydney – The meeting discussed the holding of J.C.H.A.P.S. meetings in Sydney and agreed that one meeting each year should be held at a Sydney venue as that is where the majority of Society members reside. (What's your opinion on this? Ed.)

The Meeting was closed at 9.50 p.m.

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VALE

The Death occurred on 4/3/83 of Dr. J. R. Kinghorn J.P. F.Z.S., C.M.Z.S., F.A.N-Z.A.A.S., F.R.Z.S., F.C.A.S., (California) Associate Mus. Comparative Zoology-Harvard, United States National Museum Washington, Philadelphia Nataturalists Society, Chicago Academy of Sciences, American Museum Natural History N.Y.

For Services to Jenolan Caves was made Honorary Curator in January, 1962 by the N.S.W. Government. He was also a long standing member of J.C.H.A.P.S.

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ACTIVITIES WEEKEND, 24th SEPTEMBER, 1983

Aladdin Cave Trip: The trip was filled to capacity by the scheduled starting time of 1.30 p.m. So after a brisk walk up McKewon's Valley, the ascent to the cave entrance was made. By the time the 15 members of the group had assembled at the cave entrance it came to my attention that I had been given the wrong key to the gate. So there was a 20 minute delay while I went back to the Guide Office to collect the correct key. And that was the only eventful part of the whole trip. All participants at the end of their 2½ hour journey had bruises and mud to show for the effort but all had a wonder-filled time.

KEN BUCKLEY

We would gladly print their opinions or impressions. Ed.

McKewon's Valley Walk: As most members were either caving or resting (in preparation for the dance), this walk had only a few starters. But Bill Buckley assures me a good time was had by all.

Ed.

THE COLONIAL DANCE

After a day well spent caving and bushwalking, it was time for a Bush Dance to the sound of the Eight Mile Swamp Creek Bush Band.

The day had been exceptionally good, weather wise, as this time of year at Jenolan, offers quite an assortment of both warm and cool days with the evenings still getting down to quite cold temperatures.

The evenings dance was held in the Ballroom of Caves House, the scene of many previous social gatherings over the years.

The band had arrived early and set up their gear, well before any toe tapping couples, who were dining sumptuously upstairs, crossed the dance floor.

By 8.00 p.m. all was in readiness for the event and the sounds of Ribuck Shearer could be heard echoing around the little valley.

Slowly but surely, the dancers started to arrive and the Ballroom took on the appearance of yesteryear with a number of people having worn period dress for the occasion.

The Society's President, David Hearn, sat patiently at the door dressed in bush style selling tickets to those wishing to enter and be part of the evenings song and dance.

By 8.45 p.m. the band had really warmed up and the Lagaphone's bottle tops and thumping bass were pouring out the beat of Colonial Australia.

As the last of the diners were coming down from upstairs, the first dance was underway with the band leader calling the instructional steps to a Double Strip the Willow.

Two rows of five couples centred themselves on the dance floor for this, the lagaphone poised, the tin whistle led with a rhythm that would have bought even the photos of Jenolan's pioneers, hanging on the walls around the dancers, to life.

If you thought caving was physical, you should try a Double Strip the Willow for openers to an evening's dancing.

At approximately 10.00 p.m., a supper of coffee, tea and sandwiches were served to those requiring sustenance after jiggling around the floor for over an hour.

This, together with other beverages available from the bar, allowed us all to continue with as much vigour and enthusiasm as was apparent at the beginning of the dance.

By about 11.00 p.m. approximately 40 people were participating in the track and field events to music, or so it felt like, with many having to sit numbers out to regain their breathing and cool down.

Towards the end of the evening, many people were double checking their feet to make sure they still had all their toes and that blisters were not going to spoil the few dances remaining before midnight.

Still eager to continue dancing and with no diminishing of numbers at the dance, the band made the last call for the evening, a Polka.

When this got underway, it seemed as though there was no room left on the dance floor with everybody taking up the length and breadth of the Ballroom for the final fling.

By 12.10 a.m., it was time to go. Reluctantly, we packed up our things and left the Ballroom dance floor until, hopefully, next year.

The band had been excellent and David Hearn thanked them for providing us with an evening of music and song, bush style. After thanking everybody for coming along, it was time to go home and flake out although some would have happily stayed up all night.

If you were not there, then maybe we will see you at the next one?

PHIL McGUIRE

The walk down the 6 Foot Track on Sunday 25th was attended by some 20 people who still had enough energy left after the activities of the dance the night before.

With the good wishes of the Senior Guide John Culley, our President was able to man the bus for the drive up to the starting point.

Phil McGuire (who sent me a very long report on this exercise) was the trip leader and consequently very few got lost. The weather was good; the track is well defined and those who made the very worthwhile and easy walk will say, I have no doubt, that Phil's commentary and local knowledge added a lot to a very pleasant morning and a fitting end to the week-ends festivities.

P.S. If you have any written accounts of the 6 Foot Track – we would appreciate a copy, Ed.



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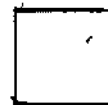
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PLEASE NOTE

If a cross appears in this Box you are not a financial member of the society, and unfortunately this is the last newsletter you will be receiving, unless we receive your subscription before the 18th February, 1984.



EDITORIAL

This is my last editorial before the Annual General Meeting. The post of Editor is a great job, organising the only line of communication most members have with the Society. Still it has its drawbacks, many sleepless nights waiting for promised copy that never arrives, but still meeting the deadline by the merest of margins. So this month nothing arrived from any of the Office Bearers, therefore there is no report on the meeting held in the Cathedral Chamber of the Lucas Cave. My thanks to Mrs. Short who took the trouble to put pen to paper and send me a note on the meeting held in the Cave.

Thank you to all those people who submitted copy to me over the past year, I could not have done my job without your support.

Thanks — KEN BUCKLEY (Editor)

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

WILL BE HELD IN THE BALLROOM OF JENOLAN CAVES HOUSE

ON 18th FEBRUARY, 1984

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Our membership now totals 131, including two Life Members and the following new members:

Miss L. Dalley
Mr. & Mrs. F. Farina
Mr. C. Rogers
Mr. H. Cotty

Mr. & Mrs. J. Brown
Mr. & Mrs. R. Casey
Mrs. D. Walker
Mrs. J. Squires

We welcome them to our society and hope that they benefit from it.

ANN HEARNE, Membership Secretary

The following are excerpts from Department of Mines' Reports between 1888 and 1895. They were obtained for us by S. McLean.

~~1888~~ **JENOLAN CAVES**

Number of visitors 1,829, being an increase on the number for the previous year. A new accommodation house, capable of accommodating about thirty visitors, has been completed, yet during the summer months both this and the old house are occasionally uncomfortably crowded. On this account the erection of another building will soon become a matter of necessity. The owner of the existing buildings and lessee of the ground, Mr. J. Wilson, cave-keeper, has notified his intention of carrying out this work at an early date.

Great improvements have been carried out at these caves in the way of making the outside surroundings attractive to visitors. Plantations and walks have been tastefully laid out and suitable trees, shrubs, and flowers planted. Altogether, it is intended to make the cave surroundings as attractive and pleasing to the eye as possible, in order that visitors, when not engaged exploring the caves, will be able to pass their time pleasantly in viewing the scenery and vegetation around. The improvements at the bathing-hole have been greatly appreciated, and consequently taken advantage of by the visitors. Everything that can be done up to the present in the way of improving the interior of the caves has been carried out. The result is that access to the different caves is now comparatively easy and cases of accident very rare. It is intended to put up a cottage for the engine-driver and new stables during the current year; and also to complete the erection of turbine on the creek, for driving the electric light, in place of the present engine, which work has been unavoidably held over on account of more urgent and necessary works having been carried out in the meantime which exhausted the available funds.

1889 — JENOLAN CAVES

Number of visitors, 1,657, a slight decrease, as compared with the previous year, which may perhaps be accounted for by the number of people attracted to two of the other colonies by their respective exhibitions. The district people visiting these caves form a very small minority, whereas at most of the other caves they make up the greater bulk of the visitors. The most

important of the improvements carried out here is the erection of Turbine for driving the Electric Light. The work has been well executed, and a most satisfactory trial as to its power has been made. The turbine will replace the steam-engine at present in use and its motive-power being water a large saving annually in the cost of firewood, etc. will result. A new 100-light dynamo has been placed in position, which will, without delay, be connected to the existing lamps of the Imperial cave, and at an early date extended to a system of lamps intended for the Lucas and Easter caves. Thus by the new arrangement provision will be made for lighting by electricity a space three times larger than at present, and at a greatly reduced cost. The other improvements comprise the erection of a cottage for the engine driver, also the building of new stables, now in course of progress, and minor improvements in and about the caves. Tenders have been received for the building of a new dam on creek, capable of storing three months' supply of water for the Accommodation House, etc.

1890 – JENOLAN CAVES

Number of visitors, 1,467. The erection of turbine for driving the electric light, referred to in my last progress report as being then in course of progress, was completed, and now drives, in place of the old steam-engine, the new dynamo, which is connected to the electric light wires of the Imperial Cave. The machinery was thoroughly tested in every respect, the dynamo being run up to the necessary speed, viz. 1,250 revolutions per minute, the turbine meanwhile passing less than half the available water, or exerting a force of about five-horse power, equal to lighting fifty lamps. Different circuits of lamps in the caves, with the light on, were then tested, and the lights were found to be far more brilliant and steady than had previously been the case. The turbine has now been in use for some time as the motive power for lighting the Imperial Cave. It was found by actual test that the turbine is capable of lighting over 100 lamps with the full supply of water turned on, although it is not intended to place over fifty, or, at the most, seventy-five lamps in one circuit, which arrangement will at all times ensure a brilliant light. In the Imperial Cave twenty-five lamps comprise a circuit.

During the year a new dam has been constructed across Camp Creek, with a storage capacity equal to three months' supply for the accommodation buildings. A three-inch main will be laid from the dam, with all the necessary connections for a proper water supply, and a hydrant fixed for use in case of fire.

The heavy rains in March last did considerable damage to the roads and creek embankments in the vicinity of the caves, most of which damage has been repaired, and the roads put in good order again. The new stable, capable of accommodating twelve horses, has been completed, and tenders invited for another six-horse stable for the exclusive use of the line of coach horses. Other general improvements have been carried out in and about the caves. A new system has been introduced at these and the other caves in respect of the sale of magnesium wire which, it is thought, will prove more satisfactory to visitors.

1891 – JENOLAN CAVES

Number of visitor 1,575. The most extensive operations as regards improvements have been carried out in connection with the Jersey Cave. On account of the circuitous and intricate nature of the passage by means of which this cave was first entered, no small amount of scheming and labour was required before the present passage, giving free access to the cave was cut through

the immense solid boulders, piled up and wedged together in such a manner that to remove one would apparently cause a general displacement. The cave itself has been protected by standards and wire netting erected on either side of the track. Other improvements has been effected in the Imperial and Lucas Caves. Old wooden staircases have been replaced where necessary with iron ones and extra guard rails erected. The Cave House surroundings have been vastly improved by the removal of some old wooden buildings which formerly did duty as a stable and buggy shed, the land thus occupied having been added to the plantation.

1892 — JENOLAN CAVES

Number of visitors 1,540. Most necessary improvements have been carried out in the Imperial Cave, Right Branch, which include the cutting of a track 4 feet deep, through gravel drift and stalagmitic flooring, from the "Vestry" to the "Lily of the Valley", now accessible to visitors. The erection of new guard-rails and netting at the "Alabaster Column", and "Mysteries". The replacing of old and light standards and netting by stronger material where necessary, and the building of twenty-four concrete steps. The improvements in the Wilkinson Cave have been completed, which include forty-two concrete steps, and the erect of hand-rail and netting throughout. The track to the Nettle and Arch Caves has been made good by building eighty-four concrete steps, and erecting an iron hand-rail alongside of same. A guard-rail has also been placed at the "Lookout" in the Nettle Cave. Twelve new steps have been built at the entrance to the Elder Cave, and the gate of same rebuilt in rubble masonry. On the 6th of April, Mr. F. J. Wilson, Assistant Keeper, reported the discovery of a passage leading from the Grand Arch to the Lucas Cave, which was inspected and approval obtained for having same opened up as an additional entrance to the Lucas Cave. It is intended to proceed with this work when the more urgent works, now in course of progress in the Imperial Cave, are completed.

1895 — JENOLAN CAVES

Number of visitors, 988. A number of visitors who did not take quarters at "Cave House", omitted to sign the register, and are not included in this return. In March last, as previously reported, the whole of the old accommodation house, including the first and second class dining-rooms, sitting-room, billiard room and table, twelve bed-rooms, kitchen, pantry, etc. the property of Mr. J. Wilson, keeper, were completely destroyed by fire. Visitors were somewhat inconvenienced thereby, but not to such an extent as might have been expected. Quarters in the new building, usually reserved for visitors alone, had to be set apart for Mr. Wilson's family and servants. Fortunately, there is another place of accommodation (Wallace's) within easy distance, which was taken advantage of by a number of visitors, and, consequently, it has been well patronised since the fire. I may mention that Mr. Wilson and family suffered to a large extent, owing to the loss of all their personal effects. The buildings, but not the contents, were insured. It has been decided to resume the remaining buildings, and erect a new dining-room, kitchen, etc. and let the whole by tender on a ten years' lease. The Department of Public Works has commenced operations in connection with the extension of the Mount Victoria Road through the Grand Arch. The necessary ironwork having been forwarded, two men have been engaged temporarily to further proceed with the work of improving and opening up the Slattery Cave, good progress in which was made last year; but operations had then to be suspended on account of the shortness of funds.

For Comparison — 1983 Visitors (Cave Inspections) — 214,000.



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News from the Annual General Meeting held in the Ballroom of Jenolan Caves House on the 18th February, 1984.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

David Hearn called for greater co-operation from the Office Bearers and Members in supplying material for the Newsletter publication. David noted that the November Meeting in the Cathedral Cave had been quite a success. It was the Swan Song for Ron Newbould who gave a talk to the Meeting on Jenolan's history from 1830 to 1920. The talk also included some interesting anecdotes concerning recent history of the Cathedral Chamber. David also informed the Society that a farewell had been held for Ron in the Grand Arch.

On a sad note David also informed the Society of the passing in January of one of the Society's stalwarts, Mr. Jim Pemble. Mr. Pemble had been a member of the Society since 1976.

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TREASURER'S REPORT

The following statement of accounts was received from the Treasurer:

Assets		Balance Sheet	
Trading Bank	\$1,415.09	Income	\$2,135.05
Building Society	1,000.00	Expenditure	<u>3,041.65</u>
Cash on Hand	387.82	Short Fall	<u>\$906.60</u>
Value of Stock	<u>1,847.45</u>		
Total	<u>\$4,650.36</u>		

The Treasurer noted that the expenditure during 1983-84 had included:

Museum Attendants Fee	\$560.00
Colonial Dance Band	\$350.00

Other costs incurred by J.C.H.A.P.S. had been:

- Printing and Postage of the Newsletter
- Printing of Tricketts Maps
- Purchase of publications from SUSS

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT

In the Membership Secretary's absence the President delivered the report.

At the present the Society has a membership of 98 Financial Members
2 Life Members.

NEW MEMBERS

The Society welcomes the following new members:

Miss R. Culley (re-joining) . . .	Jenolan Caves	Miss J. Hall	Croydon
Ms. P. Larkin	Dundas	Mr. P. J. Chatterton	Wahroonga
Mr. J. L. Smith	Wentworth Falls	Mr. & Mrs. H. Draheim	Oberon

ARE YOU FINANCIAL?

Dear Member,

We regret that in the last Newsletter, we failed to provide any current membership rates and forms. We apologize for any inconvenience. If there is a cross in the box, this is notification that your membership subscriptions are due for 1984. Forms and details are provided for your convenience later on in this Newsletter.



THERESA OPPER — Membership Secretary

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ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The results of the election of Officers are as follows:

President	Mr. Steve Opper	Asst. Research Officer	Barry Richards
Vice Presidents	Mr. Bill Buckley	Committee	Doug Short
	Mrs. Maureen Sullivan		Dimitry Short
Secretary	Mr. Michael Chilcott		Shaun O'Gorman
Treasurer	Mr. Steve Moore		Catherine Sullivan
Curators	Mr. Keith Oliver		Chris Smith
	Ms. Sherrie Evans	2 to be filled at the next General Meeting.	
Research Officer	Mr. Steve McClean	Trustees	Mr. W. Heiron
Editor	Mr. Ken Buckley		Ms. J. Bryant
Membership Secretary	Mrs. Teresa Opper		Mr. V. Onorato
Assistant Secretary	Ann Hearn	Patron	Mr. H. G. Coates O.B.E.
Assistant Treasurer	David Hearn		

RESEARCH OFFICER'S REPORT

Due to the Research Officer's absence, no report was received. It was noted, however, that during 1983, the Research Officer had obtained 50 pages of reports from the Department of Mines. These reports covered a fifty year period. (Some of these reports were published in the November Newsletter – Ed.)

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GENERAL BUSINESS

Steven Opper took the chair at 10.15 p.m. A motion of thanks was passed to the previous Committee and Office Bearers for their work during 1983 especially the out-going President David Hearn.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – 1984

March 31st	Working Bee – Jenolan Caves
April 13th	Social Evening, Sydney.
May 26th	General Meeting – Jenolan Caves
August 13th	General Meeting – Sydney
September 22nd & 23rd	Activities Weekend and Colonial Dance, Jenolan Caves
November 10th	Alladin Cave Trip and General Meeting, Jenolan Caves

For further details see relevant articles in this and future newsletters. More events and happenings will also be planned.

LEFFEL WHEEL

The possibility of a project to restore the Leffel Wheel was discussed at length. The President informed the meeting that the Wallerawang Power Station Engineers had been contacted in 1983 by Ernie Holland – at that time Ernie had been informed that it would not be possible for the job to be undertaken by the apprentices because of the Wheel's location.

However, the President reported that he had had more recent discussions with the Apprentice Master who thought the restoration could make a good project – but 3 factors would need to be considered:

1. It would be necessary to clean up the area at the site of the machinery to improve access to the job.
2. It would be necessary to remove the casting and associated parts to enable any restoration to be done.
3. It may be impossible to safely replace the completed work back at the original site. Other locations may have to be considered.

Ken Buckley suggested that a working bee be held to clean up the site – this was agreed to by the members – Are you interested?

You are! Then the date is 31st March, 1984. Meeting at the Guides Office at 10.00 a.m. Bring the whole family and friends and have a picnic as well.

OLD MEN'S ACCOMMODATION?

Shaun O'Gorman advised the meeting that the Old Men's Accommodation (more correctly — The Men's Old Accommodation) and the workshops below were to be demolished in the near future. He suggested that the Society should have photos taken as an historical record of the building and its contents. It was also pointed out that the building was originally a series of stables for horses indicating a very old structure.

Barry Richards said that it contained some very old hardware in the form of window catches and fittings and he would endeavour to secure them for the society.

HYDRO ELECTRIC GENERATING STATION — Locally known as the "Hydro"

This plant has been shut down for re-conditioning and during the rebuilding and replacement of the generator the old switchboard will be removed and the station will be divided into two sections: 1 Section will house the old switchboard and generator unit and will be a museum. The other section will be the active power generating station and the interior will be viewed through windows from outside the building.

NOTICE OF MOTION

It is my intention to move at the next General Meeting of the Jenolan Caves Historical and Preservation Society to nominate for Life Membership Mr. Ron Newbould in recognition of his services and contributions to the Society and its objectives.

S. OPPER — President

ACCOMMODATION FOR J.C.H. & P.S. MEMBERS

Mrs. M. Sullivan suggested that the society approach the management and seek to have ten rooms put aside for members wishing to attend meetings — this bulk reservation would automatically cease 8 weeks before each meeting and any rooms still vacant would be booked on a first call first booked basis, with the society members receiving no special consideration for that accommodation. The secretary was requested to write to or to contact the manager with this proposal.

A PRESENTATION TO THE CURATOR

Mr. W. Heiron presented to the Society a copy of a book entitled "Australia's Wonderland". The Society was informed by Mr. Heiron, that the book had been donated by Mr. Doug Vickery. This book is a rare copy; the jacket not being blue as it usually was. The book was placed in the hands of one of the Curators. A motion was passed for a letter of thanks being sent to Mr. Vickery coupled with an invitation to join J.C.H. & P.S.

SOCIAL EVENING, SYDNEY

Date: Friday, 13th April, 1984
Venue: Masonic Hall, 44 Beresford Road, Strathfield
Time: 8.00 p.m.

The entertainment for the evening will be provided by Keith Oliver. Keith will be giving us a slide show of caves of N.S.W.

Please bring a plate of goodies for supper. Tea and coffee will be provided.



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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

On behalf of the recently elected committee, may I welcome you all to 1984. Many of last year's committee have signed up for another year. For those who have taken a rest, many thanks for your effort.

Jenolan Caves were discovered about 1838 and have changed constantly and remarkably ever since. This process of change produces our history which is not static, but ever becoming longer. If the discovery had been the only event in the past 146 years, there would not be much need for JCHAPS.

The Society was inaugurated with a major objective, to construct a museum as a base for the Society and its' collection. We do have a museum, however small, and the Society should be proud of the fact that the original Post Office still stands today.

While ever Jenolan Caves exists, there will be a need for JCHAPS for surely Jenolan Caves are why the Society exists. Our museum is also more than 40km of caves and over 2000ha of land. The Society through its' members has an important value in that we do exist, and must be sure that at least our voice is heard when Jenolan Caves Reserves' historic or present value is threatened.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

- (1) We do need more avenues for social interaction between our fellow members and I believe there is a good case for Sydney based activity IN ADDITION to Jenolan activities. Attendance at Sydney functions in 1983 in fact, exceeded that at Jenolan with the exception of the Colonial Dance. I would like to commend Bill and Ken Buckley for their efforts in this regard as well as others who participated.
- (1) I would like to suggest that we could have a second traditional dance in Sydney each year and perhaps invite another Society along to swell the numbers !

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cont.(3) If you have any ideas, don't keep them to yourself!
If you are the shy type, send them in anonymously, but
send your ideas in (please).

S.J. Opper, President

THE SIX-FOOT TRACK

This year is the Centenary of the opening of the Six-Foot Track from Katoomba to Jenolan Caves. The track is to be reopened this year after work by the Department of Lands, Department of Leisure Sport and Tourism, and Forestry Commission. The opening ceremony was to have been on Sat. 24 March, but now due to State Elections has been postponed to a date to be fixed.

This delay may now give us an opportunity to seek involvement of JCHAPS at the opening. I have spoken to Mr. G. Dube, Manager at Jenolan Caves, and he will keep me informed as to future dates, etc. In the mean time I am writing to the Department of Lands seeking an invitation to the proceedings for JCHAPS. I am also trying to organize a group of interested bodies, to walk from Jenolan to Katoomba to arrive for the Official Opening.

The walk will require the group to leave Jenolan very early Friday morning. Then camp overnight to arrive at the "Explorer's Tree" by 10 a.m. Saturday, which was the time set down, former to cancellation. If the time or day are changed, our plan will have to be revised. If you are interested, let me know so I can keep you informed.

Contact Steve Opper, Guides Office, Jenolan

" In March-April, 1884, W. M. Cooper, Surveyor of Public Parks, defined a bridle track from near Katoomba, through Nellie's Glen and Megalong, across the Cox River, up the Black Range, along an old cart track made by men taking bark to Binda and Hartley, and finally along Mount George to the caves. This short twenty-six mile route was made fit for horse traffic by the expenditure of over £2000. It was much favoured, but in recent years has been neglected."

extract from " The Romance of Jenolan"
by Ward L. Havard

RON NEWBOULD RETIRES

Many people in the Society may not be aware of the fact that Ron Newbould, a Guide at Jenolan since 1963, is no longer employed by the Department of Leisure Sport and Tourism. Ron has been retired early for medical reasons.

A farewell for Ron and Jan was held on Wednesday 28th December, 1983. About 150 people attended the function which was appropriately held in the Grand Arch at Jenolan. Most of Ron's family attended and Mr. Bob MacKenzie represented Head Office. Mr. MacKenzie presented Ron and Jan with a perpetual motion clock with the inscription which read "To Ron and Jan, in appreciation for your family's contribution to Jenolan". Among the guests who attended were Mr. Max Mould of Katoomba and Mr. Basil Ralston also of Katoomba, both former Guides of Jenolan. Everyone who attended had a good night!

For those of you who don't know much of Ron's past at Jenolan the following are a couple of achievements over a period of almost 21 years. Ron hasn't done too bad!

Ron started work at Jenolan as a Guide on the 13th March 1963. He didn't waste time, as on the 8th of June 1964 at 1.30 am, he and John Culley discovered a new cave, the Barralong. Ron kept busy and on the 12th of December 1964, took the Director of the Department, Mr. Gavern into Barralong Cave. Soon after he was taking an ABC film crew into Barralong. To add to all this, Ron wrote an occasional paper for the Society titled, "Discovery of Barralong Cave". The Barralong Cave still lives an active life with present day Guides. The last time Ron was in Barralong Cave is a secret!

Ron was also strongly involved in the steam cleaning of the Orient Cave. Due simply to the pollution, Orient Cave had become nothing but a hole in the ground full of dust from peoples' clothing, and soot from the old boiler house. With the aid of a portable electric boiler to produce steam, and metres of hose, rope, cables and ladders, Ron, with the assistance of other Guides and a cave labourer John Pope (who later became a Guide) was able to clean the Orient from top to bottom. There were many days of work in the cave over a four year period from the 15th of March 1968 to the 30th of September 1972. There were in fact 408 days spent on cleaning and washing operations along. The Orient is again clean and pretty. Ron went to work again and wrote another occasional paper, "Steam Cleaning of Orient Cave".

Ron Newbould officially retired on the 29th of November, 1983. That gives a total of 20 years, 8 months, 2 weeks and 2 days as a Guide at Jenolan.

Thankyou Ron, from the Guides, past and present. Thankyou from the members of J.C.H.A.P.S.

This year 1984 is the centenary of an important event in our history, the official naming of the Caves. In April 1884, W.M. Cooper, Surveyor of Public Parks wrote to P.F. Adams, Surveyor General and suggested that the name Fish River Caves was "incorrect and misleading". He suggested that other names used by some people such as Binda or Bindo could be better. The Surveyor General replied saying that if one parish was to include the Caves instead of two, the Caves would be in the Parish of Jenolan and that perhaps they (the Caves) should be named after the parish in which they are situated. The Surveyor General decided to let the Under Secretary of Mines, Harrie Wood, make the decision. Wood asked C.S. Wilkinson (Geological Surveyor) if he could think of any name. Wilkinson agreeing with "Jenolan", thought inquiries should be made to see if any more appropriate "native" name could be given.

A considerable amount of bureaucratic interchange followed with no-one seeming prepared to make a decision. Objections even came from the Legislative Assembly on June 13, 1884 because it was claimed that Fish River Caves was so well known, and there was already a Mount Jenolan near Capertee. The answer given was that the Caves were not on the Fish River watershed and the mountain was Geenowlan, not Jenolan, near Capertee.

The information was referred to Mr. Cooper who at once replied "...in short, the present name of the Caves is a geographical absurdity..." and in the same letter said that the use of the present name however well known was not "...a sufficient reason for perpetuating a gross misnomer,..."

Three weeks later, Cooper pressed the matter again because of the delay in lithographing the Map of the Parish of Jenolan which had been entirely due to the issue of the name of the Caves. If the Map was published without the change, the opportunity may not recur.

By the end of July the name "Jenolan" had been approved. It appeared in the New South Wales Government Gazette of August 19, 1884. p.s. The name "Jenolan" was originally used for a mountain near the Cox's and Jenolan River junction during the Trigonometrical Survey of New South Wales about 1828.

extracts from "The Romance of Jenolan" by W. L. Havard

NEXT SOCIETY MEETING we must discuss how we will celebrate this important event ! Suggestions please.

The assistance of Mr. Graeme Dube, Manager at Jenolan Caves, is gratefully acknowledged in the printing of this supplement.

Mr P.J. Cook



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DATES TO REMEMBER

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| 20th July | Dance to be held in Sydney |
| 13th August | General Meeting to be held in Sydney |
| 19th August | Centenary of the Naming of Jenolan Caves: Activities at Jenolan Caves |
| 22nd & 23rd September | Activities Weekend – Dance at Jenolan Caves |

Details of all these functions appear throughout this Newsletter.

SYDNEY BUSH DANCE – 20th July, 1984

Following numerous requests from members, a Bush Dance has been organised in Sydney for J.C.H.A.P.S. The dance has been organised jointly with the Sydney University Speleo Logical Society and will be held on 20th July, 1984. The venue for the dance is the top level of the Wentworth Building, Sydney University. It is easy to find being the building next to the City Road Footbridge at Sydney Uni. (Note: NOT Parramatta Road).

It will be a great night and it's cheap. ADULTS: \$4.00 CHILDREN: \$2.00

Supper will be provided and it starts at 8.00 p.m. See you all there.

Enquiries: Michael Chilcott)
Paul Chatterton) 02 798-3742

GENERAL MEETING – 13th August, 1984

Venue: Masonic Hall, 44 Beresford Road, Strathfield
Time: 8.00 p.m.

Proposed Agenda: (Includes) A talk entitled: "Aspects of Archaeological History in the Jenolan Caves Area". To be delivered by Ms. Sherry Lee Evens, a guide from the caves, also a qualified Archaeologist who Majored in Australian Pre-History.

Also the Ralph Symonds film.

Supper: Please bring some goodies for supper hopefully tea, coffee, milk and sugar will be provided.

Enquiries: The Buckleys 02 76-9287

TO CELEBRATE THE NAMING OF JENOLAN

The Society will celebrate the Centenary of the Naming of Jenolan on Sunday, 19th August, 1984.

- * 10.30 a.m. Ceremony at Carlotta Arch officiated by our Patron, Mr. H. G. Coates O.B.E. and Mrs. Coates.
- * 11.15 a.m. History of Electricity walk along the Jenolan River to the Hydro Power Station.
- * 12.30 p.m. Picnic lunch and Barbecue at the Hydro Power Station.

Barbecue Lunch: Steak and Sausage Sandwiches, sauce and tea and coffee will be provided for a nominal charge. Could you please R.S.V.P. to Centenary Committee, C/- Guide's Office, Jenolan Caves by 3rd August, 1984.

ACTIVITIES WEEKEND AND DANCE

The itinerary for the weekend is as follows:

Saturday, 22nd September

- * 2.00 p.m. Caving Trip to Aladdin Cave. Limited to Financial Members 12 Years and older. Maximum number in party is 15.

- ★ 4.30 p.m. Caving Trip to Jersey Cave. Limited to Financial Members 12 years and older. Maximum number in party is 10. (Jersey Cave is above the Imperial Cave).
- ★ Evening 8.30 p.m. Dance in the Ball Room of Caves House. Fancy Hat.

Sunday, 23rd September

- ★ 10.30 a.m. Bushwalk via the newly opened Lucas Rocks Scenic Track. Gather in the Ball Room of Caves House.

To book for the Aladdin and Jersey Cave Inspections ring: Michael Chilcott 02 789-3742 or Steve Moore, Jenolan Caves (the Guide's Office.)

Requirements: Average physical fitness, a torch, wearing old clothes to be dirtied! (ripped and shredded). It will not be possible to do both caving trips.

The Dance will start at 8.30 p.m. Music will be provided by Warren Targett and Friends. A variety of dancing music will be enjoyed by those attending. A mixture of folk and old time should give everyone an opportunity to participate. The cost of the Dance is a Single Adult Ticket \$4.00; Students and Pensioners \$2.00. Children under the age of 16 are free. Supper is included. Special Note: Members staying in Caves House on Saturday Night will be admitted free of charge as guests of Mr. Graeme Dubé, the Manager.



GUESSING COMPETITION

If you would like to win a hand-made wooden occasional table, made and donated by member, Mr. W. Heiron, buy a few tickets in our competition. Tickets are 30c. each or 4 for \$1.00. Tickets will be on sale at the Guide's Office at Jenolan and at the General Meeting in Sydney on Monday, 13th August, 1984. The draw will be made at the meeting.



FIRST AID APPLIED TO MUSEUM DOOR.

First Aid has been applied to the front door of the Old Post Office Museum. Some lower sections of the door had to be sanded back, filled and primed. This will keep the door through the winter, but soon we will be in for a big job, as the exterior condition of the museum is deteriorating.

TAKEN FROM "AUSTRALIA, FROM A WOMAN'S POINT OF VIEW"

Jessie Ackermann, F.R.S.G.S.

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1913

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Written Approximately 1893

"CHAPTER II**THE NATURAL ASPECT OF THE ISLAND**

... For centuries Nature has been silently constructing show places beneath these mountains that rival anything human genius has been able to produce. The limestone caverns are marvels of delicate loveliness, such as nothing but the ages could create. Vivid recollections of my first visit to the Jenolan Caves twenty years ago come to mind as I write. The trip was a long, hard one, made by private conveyance. Upon reaching the Cave House, I was ushered into the bridal-chamber — lonely quarters for a bachelor girl — where reposed a suit of men's apparel in which to array myself for an underground expedition. The blue cotton trousers reached only to my shoe-tops, and there was an absence of the usual gearing which must lend a sense of security to that cut of garment. We carried torches, and provisions were also necessary, as the trip required either a full day or the entire night. Never shall I forget how the guide pointed out all sorts of fierce, weird, and unearthly things which took shape and form according to the degree of individual imagination. It was hard work, this wriggling along narrow passages and crawling snake-fashion through others, emerging with blistered hands, red face, and disordered locks; but such was the price of "seeing the caves" in those early days.

Much of this real enjoyment and wholesome fatigue has vanished. The Government has thrown up great highways, constructed railways, and hewn out motor-roads to facilitate travel for those attracted by this form of natural beauty. It has become a popular honeymoon trip, but the abbreviated garments of my first visit are no longer necessary. The present-day bride returns from her subterranean exploits free from any evidences of the trip. The caves are now well lighted by electricity, which reveals much that was formerly hidden. The colouring is so vivid that a fertile imagination may weave the fantastic forms into both the grotesque and beautiful . . . "

PROGRESS ON HISTORICAL PUBLICATIONS

John Dunkley has recently completed an important work in the form of an "Annotated Bibliography of Jenolan Caves". He hopes to have it published for J.C.H.A.P.S. in the very near future. John is one of several people interested in the production of a readable history about Jenolan. The Society hopes also to encourage the publication of other material related to Jenolan's geological history, again in a readable format. Warren Targett has been successful in gaining a position at a seminar for "Writers in Local History" conducted by U.N.E. The seminar is being held at Camden in August this year. Warren will represent the Society which is sponsoring his attendance.

HISTORIC POST CARDS

Michael Chilcott, Doug Short and Steve Moore have agreed to form a Publications Sub-Committee. Their first project is the re-printing of the historic postcards which sold very well in the past. It is also intended to re-print the Oliver Trickett Cave Map. Several colours will be used to make the map easier to read. Steve Opper is preparing the artwork for this project now, but we have a lot of old stock to move yet.

SIX FOOT TRACK

The Society has received letters from both the Department of Lands and Blue Mountains City Council acknowledging our request to attend the official opening of the Six Foot Track.

The original opening was postponed due to State Elections on 24th March this year. The present delay is due to legal impediments over the route through private land.

MEMBERSHIP BADGES

Some of you may not be aware that the Society has an attractive Membership Badge. The emblem is a silhouette of the Grand Arch at Jenolan superimposed with the outline of a magnesium lamp of the type used before the advent of electricity at the Caves. A quantity of old stock badges are now on sale for \$1.00 each. New stocks will cost \$2.50. The badges will be on sale at Society meetings and at Jenolan.

LEFFEL WHEEL

The working bee to clean up the area around the Leffel Wheel was a great success. Those members who attended, spent an enjoyable day beside the Jenolan River with a picnic lunch. It was established that the turbine is basically a free standing structure attached to the foundation by four steel studs (bolts). These studs, plus a flange coupling to the original supply pipeline, if undone, will allow the whole device to be lifted out in one piece. We estimate the mass at about 200 kg.

Unfortunately, no casting numbers or serial numbers were detected, but Research Officer, Steve McClean has written to the Museum of Applied Arts and Sciences, the Public Works Dept. and the British Trade Commission to see if more details can be brought to light.

The Leffel Wheel will not be removed until we have sufficient details to allow for proper restoration and the permission of the Department of Leisure, Sport and Tourism to do so.

RON NEWBOULD BECOMES SPECIAL HONORARY MEMBER

The General Meeting overwhelmingly supported the motion that Ron Newbould be made a Special Honorary Member of the Society in recognition of his efforts in promoting the Society and Jenolan's history. Special Honorary Membership is granted for a five year period during which time, Ron will retain all the rights of a financial member of J.C.H.A.P.S.

A CHANGE IN THE FACE OF JENOLAN

Demolition is now complete of the Men's Old Quarters which stood on the site near the Wallaby Hall (the second one!) until just after ANZAC Day this year. Although the building will not be missed by those unfortunate enough to have savoured the comfort of its spacious and modern rooms (or kennels?), the building turned out to have an important link with Jenolan's past. Warren Targett brought my attention to the fact that the accommodation section of the building was added on top of the original stables and coachhouse (workshops) about 1898. The timber used was salvaged from the last of the timber sections of Caves House when this was demolished to make way for the present stone wing (kiosk end).

With this knowledge, several lengths of cedar wall cladding were secured and these will be used to construct a display case (or two perhaps) for the Society. I also saved some nails from the site as these were hand forged by Jenolan's own blacksmith. He apparently could not meet the demand and some construction had been done in shipwright style with wooden pins.

This story contains a clear message not just to J.C.H.A.P.S., but hopefully to the Department of Leisure, Sport and Tourism also. A lot more thought and research is needed before "unwanted" structures are cleared to make way for Jenolan's new image.

RALPH SYMONDS FILM SHOWN AGAIN

Thanks to the diligence of Mr. W. Heiron and his daughter June, the Society has again got a copy of a remarkable film on Jenolan Caves. The late Ralph Symonds made the film for his own interest and at great expense. An aircraft searchlight and cables were used to provide lighting inside the caves. The film is in colour and well preserved considering it was made over 40 years ago.

The late Jim Pemble took a personal interest in the safe copying of the original and in recognition of his efforts, the Society will have an acknowledgement section added to the film.

The film will be shown again at the General Meeting in Sydney on Monday, 13th August, 1984. The meeting will be at the Masonic Hall, 44 Beresford Road, Strathfield. 8.00 p.m.

NETTLE AND ARCH CAVE RE-DEVELOPMENT

On Saturday, 26th May, about 20 people, mostly members of J.C.H.A.P.S., were taken on a guided tour of Nettle and Arch Caves. The tour was escorted by Senior Ranger, John Culley, Acting Senior Guide, Ernie Holland and members of the A.S.F. consulting team lead by Ellery Hamilton-Smith. Mr. Hamilton-Smith took us through the Cave explaining how the team believed the re-development should be achieved.

Everybody was invited to comment and some did so. Many people were quite startled by the almost totally undeveloped nature of the cave. The realization that an opportunity exists to develop this wonderful cave utilising the most modern techniques, gradually emerged. About two hours were spent in the Cave.

At the General Meeting, Ellery Hamilton-Smith addressed the members and visitors and described in detail the philosophy behind their proposals. He also described some basic guidelines within which they were working. The open nature of the caves makes it unique at Jenolan. The spectacular views down into the Devil's Coach House and Blue Lake area make the cave unique in Australia and indeed, in the world. The features of the Cave need to be a centre-piece of the project.

The biology of the Cave, the many bats, owls and spiders (all harmless!) provide a unique opportunity to explain the inter-action of caves with the outside world. These features must be carefully considered before work proceeds.

The complexity of the proposed re-development must be emphasized to the Department of Leisure, Sport and Tourism. It would be inexcusable if any mistakes were made and the knowledge to prevent this existed.

Michael Chilcott (Society Secretary) has contributed a paper on the biology of Nettle and Arch Caves to the A.S.F. team. Due to his professional involvement, Michael agreed to act as liaison officer between J.C.H.A.P.S. and the A.S.F. team led by Ellery Hamilton-Smith. We will keep you informed.

After the meeting some people commented to me that they found it difficult to involve themselves in the discussion. The consideration of technical and educational quality in Cave Development is imperative. However, we must also consider the interests and expectations of the visiting public.

J.C.H.A.P.S. INVITED TO CONTRIBUTE TO MANAGEMENT PLAN

The National Parks and Wildlife Service is currently preparing Plans of Management for Blue Mountains, Wollemi and Kanangra Boyd National Parks. The Society has been invited to provide any information on features of historic resource that we are aware of.

In the 1880's a member of the Whalan family tried to establish a Guest House at Kanangra Walls to attract visitors from Jenolan Caves. The ruins of this house are all that now remains.

A wooden dance floor was constructed in a cliff cave at Kanangra too. People travelled 60 km. (120 km return) by horse to attend night time dances here! Nothing remains of the dance floor today.

We will provide a report to the N.P.W.S. If you have any information, please send it to the Secretary no later than 13th July, 1984.

NEW MEMBERS

The Society welcomes the following new members:

Miss Jade Squires	Yagoona	Mr. & Mrs. G. Roileston	Greenwich
Mr. Colin Crome	Blayney	Mr. E. Hamilton-Smith	Carlton Sth. Vic.
Mr. H. Shannon	Paper Beach Tas. (rej.)	Mr. & Mrs. J. Culley	Jenolan Caves (rej.)
Mr. & Mrs. W. Targett	Minto (rej.)	Blue Mountains Speleo Logical Club (rej.)	
Mr. & Mrs. I. Reynolds	Prospect	Shendelle & Cindy Short	Berowra Heights
Mr. R. Adams	Mosman	Mr. Keir Vaughan-Taylor	Erskineville
Mr. W. E. Brown	Dubbo	Mr. I. Diversi	Eastwood
Mr. B. Driver	Blackheath	Mr. A. Philbey	Annangrove
Mr. B. Stewart	Balgowlah Nth.	Miss R. L. Thwaite	West Ryde

ARE YOU FINANCIAL?

Dear Members,

Membership for the Society is going well and strong. I would like to thank everyone for their co-operation and interest. However, we are now halfway through the financial year, and if a red cross appears in the box, your membership is lapsing. We hope you will stay with us. Details and forms are further on in this Newsletter.



Membership Secretary, Theresa Oppen



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NEXT MEETING DATE:

10th November, 1984

VENUE: Jenolan Caves

NOTE: Relevant information appears elsewhere in this issue.

**ITEMS OF PARTICULAR INTEREST FROM THE GENERAL MEETING HELD IN
SYDNEY ON MONDAY, 15th AUGUST, 1984**

SEISMOGRAPH STATION

It was reported that the Department of Leisure, Sport & Tourism had recently given permission for the Society to use the vacated Seismograph Station as a store for its archives. A letter of appreciation has been sent to the Department.

SYDNEY BUSH DANCE

Paul Chatterton presented a verbal report on the Bush Dance held at Sydney University for J.C.H. & P.S. and S.V.S.S. Members on 20th July. The dance was attended by about 50 people and was enjoyed by all present.

PRESENTATION

Mr. McBurney, attending the Society meeting presented to J.C.H. & P.S. a reproduction poster detailing the railway time table and the amenities provided by the Caves Express Train Service between Sydney and Mount Victoria.

A vote of thanks was passed to Mr. McBurney. It was suggested that this poster be framed and hung in the Post Office Museum.

Mr. Heiron has volunteered to frame the poster.

NEXT MEETING

The date for the next General Meeting is 10th November, 1984. The venue will probably be the T.V. Room of Caves House.

The Guest Speaker will be Mr. Jim Smith who will provide us with an informative talk on the Six Foot Track, the path from Nellies Glen (near the Explorers' Tree) to Jenolan Caves. Mr. Smith is the author of a very good book about the walks of the Blue Mountains, entitled "How to See the Blue Mountains".

Also while at Jenolan your time will not be spent in idle chatter. TWO very important tasks will be done.

1. To paint the Post Office Museum, a job to be done over both Saturday and Sunday.
2. To sort and store the archives of the Society into our new store house. (The Seismographic Station.

Your attendance on both or either of the days will be greatly appreciated.

REPORT ON CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS

On the weekend of the 18th and 19th of August, 1984, J.C.H. & P.S. took part in a Celebration of the Naming of Jenolan Caves.

The majority of activities were organized by the N.S.W. Department of Leisure, Sport and Tourism for the two day celebration. J.C.H. & P.S. was successful in gaining approval to unveil a Commemorative Plaque to provide a permanent record of the Centenary.

Celebrations started in Caves House on Saturday Night. A costume dance was held in the Ballroom. Music provided by Warren Targett and Friends was enthusiastically received. Guests of Caves House were obviously well informed as some excellent costume dress was worn.

During the evening, a photograph of Jeremiah Wilson was unveiled by Janet Bryant. Jeremiah Wilson was the first official Caretaker and Caves Guide at Jenolan. He was appointed while the Caves were known as the Fish River Caves in 1866. Janet Bryant is the Great Grand Daughter of Jeremiah Wilson. The photograph hangs in "Jeremiah Wilson's Bar" near the first floor Dining Room.

On Sunday 19th, there were a number of activities. At 10.30 a.m., some 35 people gathered on the lawns near the Jenolan School for the unveiling of the Centenary Plaque. The Official Guests of J.C.H. & P.S. were Mr. Harold Coates, O.B.E., Patron of the Society and Mrs. Coates. The President of J.C.H. & P.S., Stephen Opper gave an introductory talk explaining the history of land subdivision in the Colony of New South Wales which lead up to the creation of the Parish of Jenolan in 1884. Mr. Coates was then invited to unveil the Commemorative Plaque. Mr. Coates expressed his pleasure at being invited to Jenolan for the event. He told how he had been born very near to Jenolan and had lived and worked in the district all his life. Mr. Coates also had some words of encouragement for J.C.H. & P.S. and commended the Society for the initiative in arranging for the Plaque. It is important, Mr. Coates said, to provide permanent and visible reminders of our history. This would foster an interest in history for future generations. The Plaque will soon be mounted within the Grand Arch in the gardens at the Blue Lake entrance.

A Special Caves Inspection Programme was prepared for the day. Historical inspections of Lucas Caves were conducted. During these tours "Jeremiah Wilsons" (alias Peter Culley and Keith Oliver) followed parts of the original caves paths such as the "Sole of the Boot" and "The Slide".

Perhaps the most spectacular event was at 11.30 a.m. when Ron Newbould (former Caves Guide) read a declaration proclaiming the official naming from Camp Rock in the Grand Arch. Then a mock battle between bushrangers and troopers erupted. The sound of muzzle loaded guns accompanied by smoke and flames was very realistic. The troopers won the day with the villains fleeing through the Devil's Coach House.

When tranquility returned to the Grand Arch, Stephen Opper conducted a "History of Electricity" walk for interested persons. Points of significance such as the Steam Engine Site, the original dam and Leffel Wheel were visited. People tagged on as the walk progressed and some 25 people were present at the Leffel Wheel Site. The year 1884 was when work commenced on the electric lighting of Imperial Caves.

Society Members and our guests Mr. & Mrs. Coates, then walked down the track to the Hydro. The walking track is now in excellent condition. The path has been re-located back to the original position along the river below the swinging bridge. Two new bridges are also in use and the walk is commended to you.

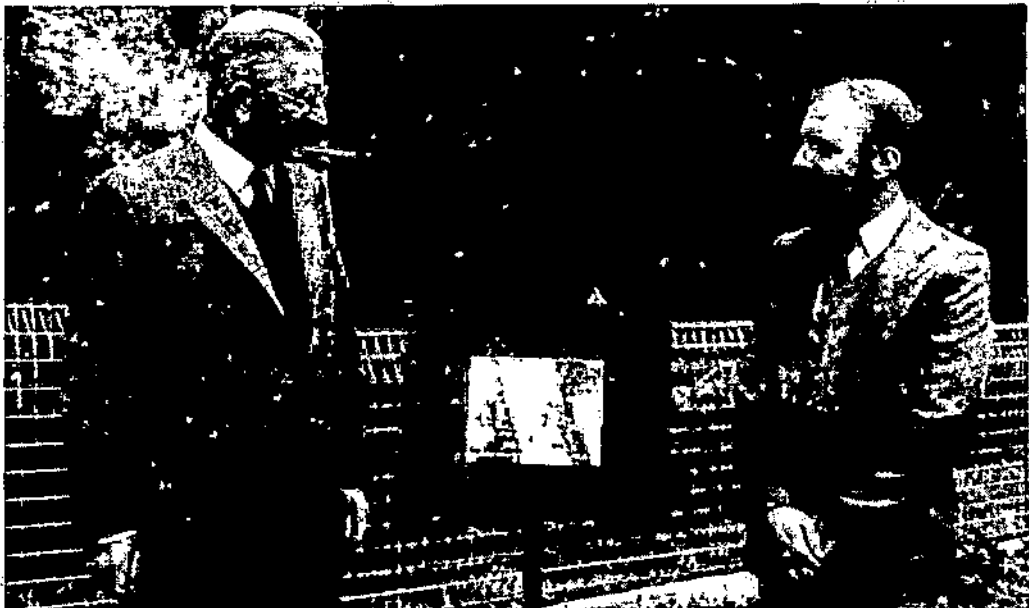
At the Hydro Station the walk concluded and a barbecue lunch enjoyed by all. Despite the cold weather about 30 people turned up for lunch. Many litres of hot tea and coffee were consumed to ward off the cold.

To conclude the activities, Mrs. Coates kindly cut the Centenary Cake which had been baked for the occasion by Theresa Oppen. Mrs. Coates expressed her appreciation for the invitation and the efforts of the Society.

At about 1.30 p.m. our guests and some of the members were kindly conveyed by bus back to Caves House. The more stubborn of us braved the cold a little longer before making for home.

Thanks firstly to Mr. Harold Coates, O.B.E. and Mrs. Coates for attending. Their obvious enthusiasm was greatly appreciated. Thanks also to Senior Guide Ernie Holland, Plant Superintendent Barry Richard. Thanks also to Christine Culley and Theresa Oppen for lunch. Special thanks to Senior Ranger John Culley for his assistance which made the day much easier for all of us.

Overall, the weekend was most enjoyable and it is a credit to those Society Members who travelled to Jenolan and braved the cold to make a success of the Centenary. Don't forget the General Meeting at Jenolan on 11th November.



UNVEILING THE COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUE

On the left Mr. Harold Coates, O.B.E., Patron of the Society with Mr. Steven Oppen, President of J.C.H. & P.S.

The Plaque reads:

CENTENARY

The Official Naming of
JENOLAN CAVES
(Formerly "Fish River Caves")
19th August, 1884

This plaque was unveiled by
Mr. Harold G. Coates O.B.E.
Patron of J.C.H. & P.S.
19th August, 1984

Jenolan Caves Historical & Preservation Society

NEW MEMBERS

The Society welcomes the following new Members

Marica Girling	Auburn	Queenie Symonds (rej.)	Woollahra
Mr. & Mrs. M. C. Lipman (rej.)	Killara	Mr. K. C. Travers (rej.)	Sans Souci
Mr. & Mrs. C Wilmot (rej.)	Silverdale	Miss J. Cullen (rej.)	Cremorne
Mr. Eric C. Eades (rej.)	Sans Souci		

JENOLAN CAVES

As early as 1823, people have settled at Bullick Flats (known as Oberon since July 4, 1863).

James and Charles Whalan had properties in the district and they were given the credit for bringing about the recapture of the escaped convict James McKeowan. It is generally accepted that this event took place in 1838, in the area now known as McKeowan's Valley. Both James and Charles Whalan became the co-discoverers of what was later named Jenolan Caves. The caves had been referred to as "Fish River Caves", "Binda Caves", and "Bindo Caves" since the day McKeowan had been re-captured.

The caves became a much sought after haven for visitors because of the beauties and curiosities they had to offer. The first access to the caves was by way of the McKeowan's Valley after the usual stopover at Charles Whalan's house. During the 1850's, the Binda Cattle Station, which

was situated some thirteen kilometres north-west of the caves, became host to travellers from Mount Victoria, who would follow along an old cart track made by men taking bark to Binda and Hartley. John Lucas M.L.A. followed this same route in July, 1861, when he visited the caves. The final descent down Mount George to the caves was made on horseback or on foot because of its steepness, a descent of over four hundred metres and two kilometres distance. This access to the caves became very popular especially when the railway reached Mount Victoria in 1868.

"The Arch, Nettle and Elder Caves", which had been found in the 1840's, began to suffer from vandalism. In 1856 Mr. Jeremiah Wilson explored and penetrated deep in to the "Elder Cave". This encouraged visitors to do the same and vandalism increased. In January, 1860, Jeremiah Wilson was in the group that discovered and explored a new cave. This new cave was named after John Lucas M.L.A. in 1878, as "Lucas Cave".

On March 8, 1867, The Government Gazette quoted Mr. Jeremiah Wilson as being appointed as "Keeper of the Caves". For the year 1867, the sum of one hundred dollars (£50) had been voted for preservation and improvements, but fifty dollars (£25) was for Wilson's annual salary. Fencing materials were used to enclose a paddock for horses on Gingkin Point.

F. G. Finley (L.S.) first did a plan and report in March, 1869, and suggested that if a reserve were made the caves should be as nearly as possible in the centre of it. One of the earliest survey points at Jenolan Caves is situated in the vicinity of the "Carlotta Archway".

The Grand Archway became the most favoured place to shelter overnight. It was here in 1869 that a dancing platform was erected, as well as rough benches and seats. In the McKeowan's Valley a concrete cricket pitch had been constructed and this area became known as "The Playing Fields". The Department of Lands introduced in 1872 the first form of protection for the caves, by making it an offence for a person found damaging them.

Lamont Young and Henry Cambridge surveyed the Lucas and Elder Caves at Easter, 1878. Henry Cambridge was stationed in the area to survey the new "Zig Zag" road down the hill on the Oberon side. The "Zig Zag" road was finished by April, 1879, and this gave travellers the first easy means of access to and from the caves.

The Department of Lands transferred control of the caves to the Department of Mines in 1879.

Jeremiah Wilson was credited with the discovery of the "Imperial Cave" during February, 1879, and later in this same year Wilson built a small slab kitchen above the junction of the Surveyor's and Wallaby Creeks. The Department of Mines had Lamont Young inspect the caves and on December 15, 1879, Young reported and listed the nature and amount of improvements that should be made. Young had even suggested limiting parties or make

provision for the Keeper having an assistant, so as to protect the caves. The outcome was that tenders were called in December, 1879, for improvements to the "Fish River" or "Binda Caves", and such improvements to be completed by March, 1880. R. B. Baynes and Company got the contract and completed the work on time. The caves were closed for this duration. Frederick J. Wilson (Jeremiah Wilson's brother) was appointed as assistant to the Keeper in 1880. Jeremiah Wilson discovered the "Left Imperial Cave" in 1880, and during the ensuing three years discovered extensions to it.

During 1880, Jeremiah Wilson had a building forty feet long by fourteen feet wide constructed for accommodation purposes. As from January 1, 1882, regulations for the management of the caves and a summary of charges laid down for accommodation that was to be provided by Jeremiah Wilson came into effect.

The "Mammoth Cave" was discovered in 1882 by Jeremiah Wilson, who explored the many miles of passageways that go to make up this extraordinary cave system. Great interest was stimulated by the forthcoming international exhibition and business interests as well as Government Departments alike wanted to capitalise on the event.

Under the direction of Lt. Colonel E. C. Cracknell, Mr. James Cummings began the task of installing equipment in "Margherita Cave" and on July 22, 1880, they achieved great success with the illumination of the cave with electric light. Photographs were taken and developed within a short time. It is thought that this was probably the first usage of electricity for illumination in a cave anywhere in the world.

During 1884 arrangements were made with Cracknell for installing electric lighting in other areas of caves. In April, 1884, W. M. Cooper, Surveyor of Public Parks, had defined a bridle track from near Katoomba through to the Black Range and joined up with the old cart track (which had been improved) and travellers from Mount Victoria were using this.

The Tarana and Oberon people could see their interests being affected and they wanted the patronage of future travellers, so they rekindled their claim for a light line of rail from Tarana to the caves.

W. M. Cooper wrote to P. F. Adams, Surveyor General, in 1884 (April) suggesting the name "Fish River Caves" was incorrect and misleading. Cooper continued to seek the name to be changed to "Jenolan" after the parish in which they are situated. After a lot of debate finally official approval was granted and in the Government Gazette of August 19, 1884, the name was changed and is to be known thereon as "Jenolan Caves".

Acknowledgement to: Ward L. Havard
R Newbould - 9 September 1983

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COMMEMORATIVE ENVELOPES

To mark the Centenary of the Official Naming of Jenolan Caves, a limited number of Souvenir Envelopes have been prepared. Each envelope bears the Old Post Office Insignia and a two cent postage stamp cancelled with the broken column post mark dated 19th August, 1984. In addition each envelope has been imprinted by a special Centenary Stamp made for the occasion.

If you would like to have one of these envelopes, please complete the details on insert and send together with your remittance.

Please make payments to Jenolan Caves Historical & Preservation Society. Limit of one envelope per financial member. Also on sale at Society Meetings.

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DECEMBER, 1984

NEXT MEETING DATE:

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – SATURDAY, 23rd FEBRUARY, 1985

VENUE: Jenolan Caves – in the Convention Room of Caves House, situated on the
Ground Floor

NEW MEMBERS: We welcome to the Society:

Mr. Les McFarlane	Terrigal	Miss Jennifer Beeman	Kirri Billi
Masters Mathew & Nicholas Bryant	Wahroongha Blaxland	Mrs. Beryl Pfummer Miss Janine Wakefield	Clarence Harbord

And we hope to see you at some function in the near future.

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**REPORT ON GENERAL MEETING WEEKEND
JENOLAN CAVES, 10th & 11th NOVEMBER, 1984**

MUSEUM REPAIRS PROGRESS

On Saturday and Sunday some excellent progress was made on the repairs to the Old Post Office Museum. All exterior surfaces were scraped and sanded and several panels were blow-torched where the paint was too far gone. The next step was the application of primer coats to bare wood. On Sunday the exterior was given an application of undercoat. Several windows were repaired.

Although the final coat of paint will not be applied until Christmas time the building definitely looks better for the effort expended.

Those present were: Gayne & Maureen Rolleston, Barry & Maureen Sullivan, Jaqueline Hall, Bill & Ken Buckley, Steve McClean, Jannet Bryant & Les MacFarlane. Thanks also to Barry Richard for his assistance.

STEPHEN OPPER

CALENDER OF HISTORIC EVENTS

Steve McClean (research officer) has accepted the job of preparing a calender for the period up to 1988 listing significant dates in Jenolans history. The purpose is to allow us to plan for celebrations leading up to the Sesqui-centenary of Jenolans discovery in 1838 which coincides with the Bi-centenary in 1988.

Members are asked to give plenty of thought to way this important event will be marked. At the 1985 AGM a steering committee will be appointed perhaps you may be prepared to participate. Please put your ideas down on paper as we must adopt a well organised approach to this whole project from the outset.

The Society will establish contact with the Department of Leisure, Sport and Tourism to ask if they will allow us to work into their plans for celebrating the Sesqui-centenary. Many of you will remember the success of the Imperial Cave celebrations in 1979, so we know it can be done with application to the job.

NEW OCCASIONAL PAPER

The committee has given approval for the production of a new occasional paper. Work has already progressed to a proof stage of the publication which is based on the photographs of Caves Guide A. H. Bradley. Mr. Elery Hamilton-Smith a member of the Society is preparing the work for publication.

SOCIETY ARCHIVES

Please return any items of the Society's collection which you have to the AGM in 1985 so that these may be placed in the central store. This must be done by then or we cannot start the process of registering and cataloguing the collection.

The only exception to this request is material currently on loan for the production of publications as these items are accounted for. We seek your fullest co-operation in this important task.

MOTION ADOPTED UNDER GENERAL BUSINESS

That the following letter be sent to the Director:

The Director
NSW Department of Leisure, Sport & Tourism
MLC Building
Miller Street
North Sydney 2060

**PLAN OF MANAGEMENT FOR JENOLAN CAVES RESERVE
AND ASSOCIATED DEVELOPMENTS**

The Jenolan Caves Historical & Preservation Society (JCHAPS) held its quarterly general meeting at Jenolan Caves on Saturday 10th November, 1984. At that meeting a motion was discussed expressing concern at the obvious deterioration of the natural environment within the Jenolan Caves Reserve.

The text of the motion as adopted by the general meeting is set out below:

"The Jenolan Caves Historical and Preservation Society respectfully requests that the Department of Leisure, Sport and Tourism give an undertaking to:

- a) Commence the production of a Plan of Management for Jenolan Caves Reserve and all associated developments.
- b) Defer all proposed development works within the Jenolan Caves Reserve until such development is approved under a properly constituted Plan of Management.
- c) Engage the services of appropriate public authorities to develop a program to control and eradicate those exotic plants identified as endangering the survival of the natural environment of Jenolan Caves Reserve and the adjoining National Park. The program to be preferably in conjunction with the overall Plan of Management."

The members of JCHAPS wish to offer any assistance within our capability in achieving the above-mentioned objections.

In addition to the motion it was agreed to provide the following information which is the basis for the Society's request.

There are many factors contributing to the deterioration of the Jenolan Caves Reserve. As a non-professional body the Society is not in a position to provide a detailed scientific analysis of these factors. However from many hours of observation by members we confidently state that three significant factors are:

- 1) The spread and effects of noxious exotic plants originating almost exclusively from the gardens and plantations established around Caves House and environs in the past.
- 2) The effects of pollution of natural water ways caused by effluents from such sources as the sewerage treatment facility, the detergents and chemicals used in cleaning in the area and the industrial waste from maintenance and development programs.
- 3) Areas of disturbance to vegetation and soil resulting from construction and maintenance programs both past and present within the Reserve.

These three points are discussed below.

- 1) Many species of exotic plants have been introduced into the gardens and plantations around Caves House and have been contained there. There are however several remarkable exceptions to that general success.

Sycamore (Maple?) trees

Tree of Heaven. (*Ailanthus altissima*)

False Acacia. (*Robinia pseudoacacia*)

Ornamental Hypericum. (*Hypericum androsaemum*)

English Ivy. (*Hedera helix*)

and Coral flower. (?) to name the most obvious.

These plants have spread dramatically to cover large areas of what was once virgin native bushland. They have been attracted to the cool moist gullies, a feature of the area. Now very few of these gullies remain without serious damage from invasion by exotics.

Add to this the effects of blackberry which is rampant in some areas of the Reserve and we do not believe it is an exaggeration to say that the Reserve could face destruction if something is not done soon. Every year that passes without action will see the affected area increase.

- 2) The environmental sensitivity of the Jenolan River is obvious and we believe that secondary treatment of all affluents to remove excess nutrients is fully justifiable. Downstream of the Caves area the river is badly choked by the growth of plants both in the water and along the stream edge. We believe this is largely due to the excess nutrients present in the water, a fact which has been established in areas other than Jenolan.

- 3) There are some relatively large areas within the Reserve showing the detrimental effects of the disturbance of the vegetations and soil cover. The construction of roads and tracks provides ideal conditions for the invasion by weeds and spread of exotic plants. The necessity of some of these roads and tracks points once again to the importance of effective control of noxious exotic plants.

The establishment of new facilities on both the Eastern and Western boundaries of the Reserve will now increase the pressure of the factors aforementioned: The recent construction of a track through virgin bushland to plough-in a telephone cable is a classic example of the damage that can be done in the sort of terrain typical at Jenolan.

As stated at the beginning of this letter there are many factors to be considered in drafting an effective Plan of Management. We believe it is essential that such a plan is developed. Within the limits of our ability the Society will offer any assistance possible.

We look forward to your favourable reply. Should you desire to contact the Society to discuss the matter the address and telephone number of the President, Vice-President and Honorary Secretary are provided below.

Yours faithfully,
Stephen J. Opper
For and on behalf of Jenolan Caves Historical & Preservation Society

President: Stephen Opper
34 Dalton Street, Dubbo. Phone: (068) 811434 (w)

Vice-President: Bill Buckley
4 Boden Avenue, Strathfield. Phone: 769287 (H)

Honorary Secretary: Michael Chilcott
C/- World Wildlife Fund (Australia), Level 17, St. Martins Tower
31 Market Street, Sydney. Phone: 297572 (W)

BOOK REVIEW

At the last J.C.H.A.P.S. meeting held at Jenolan Caves on 10th November, 1984, those present were privileged to hear our guest speaker Jim Smith deliver an interesting talk on the Six Foot Track.

The information offered in the talk was most enlightening for those who were unaware of the history and significance of the Six Foot Track. Jim Smith more than adequately summarised the fascinating material contained in his recent publication "From Katoomba to Jenolan Caves - The Six Foot Track 1884 to 1984".

A comprehensive history is provided of the track, including its significance to the early travellers in their efforts to reach Jenolan Caves. The Six Foot Track is thought to be the most difficult yet romantically picturesque routes to the caves. Delightful and interesting accounts are given by the early travellers of their efforts to reach Jenolan Caves using the Bridle Trail or Six Foot Track, as it is most commonly known. These tales portray the difficulties encountered, in addition to the breath-taking scenery; in particular, the legendary Nillie's Glen which once initiated the Six Foot Track at Katoomba.

From the descriptions given, Nellie's Glèn can be imagined as a "Nature's Wonderland" in itself. This unique gorge of rare flora and fauna is described extremely well throughout the book. The descriptions maintain the following style and competence.

"Within the shadowed gorge are shelves and banks of ferns; they curtain the dark rock with pale, but vivid green, and the central stream runs over and round enormous blocks of fallen sandstone, scarcely less brilliant, in vests of yellow moss.

At the foot of the cleft the valley opens. Looking back at this wonderful rift in the huge mountain frontier, a rift so dark, rugged and Titanic, that it would seem a demon's work, were it not decorated like a fairy's summer palace, you stand, as it were, in the auditorium of Nature's Free Theatre."

The destruction of this beautiful and historic section, as well as the eventual deterioration of a major percentage of the Six Foot Track is sadly recounted in the publication. For a large number of people that visit the Blue Mountains and Jenolan Caves today, the memory of these places can only be re-lived through the accounts given in the book.

However, conscientious efforts have been made towards the re-opening of the track. Jim Smith gives his own account of a traverse of the Bridle Trail in recent times (1983). Much encouragement and advice is given to those who may wish to attempt the track. Places and items of interest are prominently described, however, differences of opinion may arise as to the comments made in the book by Mr. Smith regarding the actual caves themselves.

This extremely well researched publication with its outstanding photographic reproductions is highly recommended to all who enjoy or have an interest in the Blue Mountains/Jenolan Caves.

**From Katoomba to Jenolan Caves – The Six Foot Track 1884 to 1984 (Page 86)*

JACKY HALL

This book, of 166 Pages –semi-hard cover is available through the Society at a cost of \$12.95 plus packaging and postage. An application form is attached to the Annual Subscription form within this newsletter.

The photograph on the opposite page is from "From Katoomba to Jenolan Caves + + + +
– The Six Foot Track" by Jim Smith (Page 135)



Harry Phillips took the only known photograph of the mysterious 'Black's Ladder' about 1909. From his souvenir booklet 81 Views, Blue Mountains Wonderland.

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS

Dear Members,

Thank you very much for your co-operation and interest in keeping the Membership together.

Our year is drawing to a close and Membership Subscriptions for 1985 are now due. If a cross appears in the box, this is a reminder that your Membership will become due for 1985. I hope to be hearing from you all.



Theresa Opper
Membership Secretary



*The President, Officers and the Committee Members
wish all of you and your families
the Very Best for the Festive Season
and a Prosperous Year ahead*

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SIX FOOT TRACK BOOK

"From Katoomba to Jenolan Caves The Six Foot Track 1884-1984"

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plus \$2.00 per book

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MEETING DATES FOR 1985

May, 25th Jenolan Caves
August, 10th Sydney
November, 9th Jenolan Caves
February, 15th, 1986 Jenolan Caves

NEXT MEETING:

GENERAL MEETING – SATURDAY, 25th MAY, 1985
VENUE: Caves House at 8.00 p.m.

COMMITTEE MEETING at 4.00 p.m. Jenolan Caves School.

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS

Dear Members,

Many thanks for all your co-operation and interest in renewing Membership Subscriptions in the past year.

If a cross appears in the box, this is a reminder that your Membership is due for 1985. I hope to hear from you.

Theresa Opper
Membership Secretary

REPORT ON THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Meeting was held in the Ballroom of Caves House. The following reports were offered by the various Committee Members.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

1984 has been a successful year for the Society. The major event of the year was the Centenary of the naming of Jenolan Caves celebrated during August last year. The brass plaque unveiled by Society Patron, Mr. H.G. Coates, O.B.E. is now permanently erected in the Grand Arch. The Society received wide publicity as a result of the celebrations via ABC Radio and articles in the press and other journals. The commemorative envelopes were well received and requests have come from as far abroad as Argentina.

Promising progress has been made on publications:

- E. Hamilton-Smith will publish a book on the photographs of A.H. Bradley (Guide) during 1985.
- J.R. Dunkley will also publish a history of Jenolan as well as an annotated bibliography of Jenolan.
- J.C.H.A.P.S. will make major financial contributions to these projects.
- Six post cards of historic interest will be printed for sale this year.

The Department of Leisure, Sport and Tourism has kindly given permission to use the now vacated "Graph" building at Jenolan to store the Society's collection. The centralization of material to this point is now complete and the important task of cataloguing must now begin.

In the coming year the Society should vigorously pursue the objective of proper management for Jenolan. Second only to this is the 1988 sesqui-centenary just two years away. Planning should begin in earnest but first a proper liaison with the Department of Leisure, Sport and Tourism must be established. That Department will no doubt undertake the major role in such celebrations and the Society must be sure to establish itself as a willing contributor in the event.

In closing, I would convey on behalf of the Society our thanks to the Department of Leisure, Sport and Tourism and the Management and Staff of Caves House. Also thanks to John Culley, Ernie Holland, Barry Richard and members of their staff for helping whenever needed.

STEPHEN J. OPPER
President

TREASURER'S REPORT

ASSETS

N.S.W. Building Society	\$3,481.48
Cheque Account	515.82
Value of Stock on Hand	1,988.70
Cash on Hand	40.00
	<u>\$6,026.00</u>

INCOME		EXPENDITURE	
Membership:		Newsletter	\$581.40
Associate	\$8.00	Central Mapping Authority	530.05
Student	20.00	Ian Lewis Publications	246.00
Single	350.00	Sydney Bush Dance	200.00
Family	597.00	Historical Writing Course	170.00
	<u>\$975.00</u>	Museum Attendant's Fees	160.00
Donations:		Committee Expenses	116.81
Members	\$7.00	Historical Plaque & Stamp	102.60
Cave Trips	70.00	R.A.H.S. Membership	80.00
	<u>77.00</u>	Six Foot track Books	77.70
Commemorative Envelopes	41.60	Sydney Meetings	60.00
Interest on Cheque Acct.	62.14	R.A.H.S. Conference	40.00
Stock Sold	245.29	Membership Refunds	9.05
			<u>9.05</u>
Total Income for Year		Total Expenditure for Year	
31/3/84 to 28/2/85	1,401.03	31/3/84 to 28/2/85	\$2,373.61
Stock Value	1,988.70		<u>\$2,373.61</u>
	<u>\$3,389.73</u>		

Note: The reason for the strange period of this report (i.e. 31/3/84 to 28/2/85) is due to part of the record being destroyed in a fire in the house where these records were kept.

STEVE MOORE
Treasurer

SECRETARY'S REPORT

During the past year a considerable and genuine effort has been made to improve the level of communication between J.C.H.A.P.S. and the Department of Leisure, Sport and Tourism. This has included increased correspondence with the management of Caves House and the Department's head office. If J.C.H.A.P.S. is to continue to be effective and successful in seeking the Department's support for its initiatives, a consistent and open communication must be maintained with the Department.

During 1984 a plan for the management and development of caves at Jenolan was produced. I was fortunate in being asked to liaise with the ASF team producing the plan on behalf of J.C.H.A.P.S. and was able to make a contribution to the plan. The final document recognised that J.C.H.A.P.S. was in a unique position to assist with the planning of developments and activities at Jenolan and suggested that the Department seek the Society's advice on such matters. I believe that the Society should continue to support the ASF documents' recommendations and should take any opportunity to urge the Department to prepare a full plan of management for the Jenolan Caves Reserve.

I would like to thank other Committee Members for their assistance during 1984 and congratulate Stephen Oppen for his contribution to J.C.H.A.P.S. this year.

MICHAEL CHILCOTT
Secretary

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP REPORT

The Membership of the Society is now 175. This includes 94 family members, 64 single members, 13 students, 3 special honorary members and our Patron, Mr. Harold Coates. We gained 37 new members this year and 14 members rejoined. There were 11 lapsed memberships. Overall, we had an increase of 44 in our Membership for 1984, of 175 members, 120 are now financial for 1985.

The Society would like to welcome the following New Members:

Miss Fiona Dennewald	Recreation Officer Jenolan Caves
Mrs. Beverly Melton	Blacktown
Readford Family Members	Gladesville

THERESA OPPER
Membership Secretary

HISTORIC HAPPENING

FUNERAL SERVICE

On 26th January, 1985, a plaque was unveiled by John Culley commemorating the service of "Bertha"; the cement mixer which faithfully served the caves for 13 years. This hardy piece of equipment was buried at the precise point at which it died. The plaque situated in the River Cave reads as follows:

"In this step lie the remains of "Bertha" the cement mixer. Having already served for 13 years in the construction of pathways in the Imperial, Temple of Baal, Chifley, Skeleton and Lucas Caves it finally said "No More" at this point in the River Cave.

Unveiled on 26th January, 1985 by John Culley, Senior Guide 1972-1984."

This was an unusual service enjoyed and appreciated by all present and involved.

JACKY HALL



BUSH CABINS

During February the Bush Cabins were officially open by Right Honourable Mike Cleary, Minister for Sport Leisure & Tourism. These 8 cabins offer to visitors a low cost alternative accommodation at Jenolan. The cabins are located at the top of the Five Mile Hill on the site known as the TOP FARM.

The only unfortunate point of these cabins is that the Department has seen fit to change the name of the TOP FARM to Binda Flats. A name which geographically and historically is incorrect. And to this end the Society is attempting to have the name changed, to the TOP FARM.

For further information on the Tarriff and Booking of the Bush Cabins contact the Bookings Officer, Jenolan Caves OR The Government Travel Centre, Spring Street, Sydney.

RE-OPENING OF THE SIX FOOT TRACK

The Bridle Track between Katoomba and Jenolan Caves was officially re-opened on Friday, 15th March, 1985 by the Minister for Natural Resources the Rt. Hon. Janet Crossio. Our Society was represented by Vice Pres. Bill Buckley.

About 250 people attended the opening and buses were provided for those who wished to descend the first stage (Nellies Glen) where they would be picked up and returned to Katoomba.

The Crown Lands Office who were responsible for the re-development and re-opening had pamphlets on the track complete with walking map and maps of other tracks in N.S.W. from Bomaderry in the South to Berowra and Wallis Lakes in the North. Morning tea with damper and "cockies joy" completed a very special occasion.

BICENTENARY – SESQUI-CENTENARY

As the Sesqui-centenary of the discovery of Jenolan Caves co-incides with the Bicentenary of the settlement of Australia by Britain – we propose to celebrate our important event and to do so we need your ideas as to what form or forms of events should be considered in our programme. Please give us all your ideas – it is only 20 months to 1988!

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MEETING DATES

August 12th Sydney

November 9th Jenolan Caves

NEXT MEETING

GENERAL MEETING – MONDAY, 12th AUGUST, 1985

VENUE: Strathfield Masonic Hall
44 Beresford Road, Strathfield at 8.00 p.m.

Please bring a plate for supper (Tea & Coffee will be provided).

REPORT ON THE REGULAR MEETING

The Meeting was held in the Ballroom of Caves House on Saturday, May 25th, 1985.

CAVE MODEL:

Plans to have the model of the Chifley Cave moved to Caves House for display have not proceeded due to the need for repairs to the cabinet. Bill Buckley noted that a friend of his at Katoomba may be able to supply the glass, for the cabinet quickly. Barry Richards said that glass was already available in the storeroom at Jenolan. Peter Morgan should be approached to carry out repairs to the cabinet.

OCCASIONAL PAPERS:

It was noted that Ron Newbould's papers on Jenolan's history were tabled at the last meeting. The publication's committee now had these in hand and were examining the possibility of publishing these.

CENTENARY OF THE ARRIVAL OF JAMES WIBURD AT JENOLAN CAVES:

The Meeting was advised that Ron Newbould had prepared a document on the work of James Wiburd at Jenolan Caves.

It was suggested that a series of activities be planned to celebrate this event. (1) An historical inspection at the Red and White Temples (River Cave) was suggested as this was the area in which Wiburd finished his exploration work at Jenolan Caves. (2) The possibility of a photographic display of Wiburd's work be placed in the foyer of Caves House. (3) The conducting of a night walk around the Caves area.

It was suggested that these activities be held on the weekend of November 9th, 1985, the date of the November JCH&PS Meeting at Jenolan.

"In March, 1903 F. J. Wilson resigned to undertake the development of caves in Western Australia. Zealous and capable, he had shown great interest in discovering treasures in the limestone and opening them up for inspection. At the expiration of Wilson's leave, Guide J. C. Wiburd, who had come to the caves in 1885 was appointed caretaker in October, 1903.

DISCOVERY OF A NEW WONDER-WORLD:

Taking charge on the departure of F. J. Wilson in April, 1903, J. C. Wiburd had the authority and untrammelled interest that led to cave discoveries which today provide a unique scenic feature in Australia.

Perhaps the existence of the "River" branch of the Lucas Cave was known before the time of its reported discovery but credit for its exploration belongs solely to those whose work in it

received official recognition. Oliver Trickett reported the first find as made by Guides J. C. Wiburd, J. Edwards and R. I. Bailey (a labourer) on June 6, 1903 seemingly when a large cave (the River Cave) with a "lake" in it was entered from the Lucas Cave. In mid-July, Trickett surveyed and photographed that part of the new cave about Tower Chambers.

Carrying out difficult work with unflagging energy Wiburd and Edwards made important advances, particularly in crossing the pool named the 'Styx'. Holes and passages had to be enlarged to admit air-tight tins and oil drums to support a 'punt' made of a pickle box on which to cross the water.

Beyond this permanent obstacle the explorers penetrated the main passage. In September, in the early hours of the morning Trickett was photographing and defining this subterranean highway through the new wonder-world. He had now crossed the 'Styx' on a rude craft bouyed up by oil drums and drawn by a rope stretched across the water: he found that — 'the passage over the water, the grandeur of the cavern of which the mammoth stalacmite is the central figure, the great height reached by the draped walls in another cavern and the unrivelled collection of helictites . . . make the new branch one of the most important caves in Jenolan'.

Other treasure was yet to be found:

— Early in October, 1903 after working through red mud Wiburd and Edwards entered a beautiful cave in which they found an aborigine's skeleton.

The Skeleton Cave was opened to inspection in December, 1905.

— After weeks of arduous and dangerous work in the limits of narrow and winding approach the Temple of Baal Cave was found on February 20th, 1904.

— On Saturday evening July 30th, 1904, while Paderewski was making his Australasian debut in Sydney Town Hall, Caretaker Wiburd with Guides Bailey and Edwards discovered a series of vaulted chambers to be known as the Orient Cave."

All the above article, detailing a small part of J. C. Wiburd's time at Jenolan, is taken from portions of "Romance of Jenolan" by Ward L. Havard - 1933.

DE BURGH'S BRIDGE:

The subject of the restoration of De Burgh's Bridge at Jenolan was discussed. Mr. Heiron noted that little progress had been made on this matter to date. He had spoken with the D.M.R. Engineer in Oberon who had informed him that the bridge was part of Main Road No. 253 and that restoration would be a long term aim. He suggested that JCH&PS write to the D.M.R. in Oberon suggesting that next time work was carried out on the road, the D.M.R. take the road back to its original level. This should be recorded through correspondence to the D.M.R. Divisional Engineer in Lithgow.

Mr. Heiron noted that the D.M.R. Engineer he had dealt with had provided photographs and specifications for the bridge. He asked that the Secretary write to the Engineer, Mr. J. Lomas, and express the Society's thanks to him for his work.

SESQUI-CENTENARY OF JENOLAN CAVES (1988):

Steve Opper reported that, to date, he had not received any suggestions for activities to celebrate Jenolan Caves Sesqui-centenary in 1988. He informed the meeting that he had spoken with Mr. Bob Crombie, General Manager of the Tourist Commission, and he had suggested that a JCH&PS representative in Sydney be nominated to liaise with the Commission to develop ideas for the sesqui-centenary.

Some suggestions made at the meeting included: (1) A rerun of the Caves Express — locos still exist. (2) Vintage Car rally to Jenolan.

NAMING OF BUSH CABINS, JENOLAN CAVES:

The meeting was informed that a letter was written to the Minister for Sport and Tourism detailing JCH&PS's objections to the naming of the area where the new bush cabin accommodation had been built as Binda Flats. The letter was read to the Society.

It was noted that no reply had been received to the Society's letter. It was resolved that the Society should send a follow-up letter to the Department asking for a reply. The letter should set a deadline for reply and should be accompanied by a copy of the original letter. If no reply is subsequently received a letter should be sent to the Geographical Name Board.

WIBURD CASKET:

Peter Culley informed the Society that Wiburd's casket in Lucas Cave was deteriorating and required some attention. In particular the bottom was rusting and needed cleaning or replacing. He added that the Senior Curator had asked the Society to take some action on this. He suggested that the Society seek professional advice on this matter before proceeding.

It was moved that the Society act to ensure that the casket was restored in an appropriate way and that the Society seek professional advice on this from bodies with expertise in this field e.g. the Museum of Applied Arts & Sciences.

"CAVING AT JENOLAN" DISPLAY:

The meeting was informed that a display entitled "Caving at Jenolan" had been opened at the Geological Museum in Sydney and would be open to the public until August, 1985. The display would then be transported to Jenolan for incorporation into the Resource Centre to be built at Jenolan. Steve Opper, Mike Chilcott and Bill Buckley had represented JCH&PS at the opening of the display.

POWER LINES TO NEW BUSH CABINS:

The Society was informed that power lines were soon to be put through to the new bush cabins on the Five Mile Hill. It was advised that a 9m wide path was to be bulldozed very soon through the bush to the cabins to achieve this.

It was moved that JCH&PS send telegrams to the Electricity Authority involved, the Tourist Commission and the Minister for Leisure, Sport and Tourism, objecting to the bulldozing of bushland for the power lines to the cabins seeking a deferral of this work and suggesting that the power lines be laid underground along existing access roads.

This motion was carried and the Secretary requested to act on this as soon as possible.

PUBLICATIONS' COMMITTEE:

The meeting was advised that a series of historic postcards had now been produced by JCH&PS. These would be offered for sale through the Society's newsletter and they would be offered to the Tourism Commission for sale through the Souvenir Kiosk at Jenolan.

A vote of thanks was passed to Doug Short for his efforts in having these printed. It was agreed that members be offered the postcards at 6 for \$2.00. (To place order see attached form.)

The meeting was also advised that John Dunkley had recently produced a 40 page history of Jenolan Caves.

WARD L. HAVARD – AUCTION:

The contents of the residence of Ward L. Havard were auctioned on a Sunday in April and two members of our Society attended on behalf of the members to bid and obtain objects for the Museum. Ward L. Havard was a noted historian – and a Member of the Royal Aust. Historical Society among numerous other activities.

On the 28th November, 1933 he read a paper before the members of the R.A.H.S. entitled the "Romance of Jenolan Caves" this was later printed with the permission of the R.A.H.S. and to this day is the only historical summary of Jenolan!

This 48 page booklet is a mine of information and is generally regarded as the authority publication of Jenolan History.

When it was published the price was "One Shilling" (it's printed on the cover).

At the aforementioned auction – eleven copies of the "Romance of Jenolan" were offered and your representatives were able to successfully bid for them at a cost of \$110.00 (\$10.00 per copy).

At the May meeting of the Society it was decided by the membership present to offer a copy to 10 members of the Society. (1 copy to be kept for historical records).

The price is to be \$25.00 per copy (a bargain, if you could see the price of a copy in a book shop) and an application form is attached to this newsletter: if more than ten applications are received a ballot will be conducted at the November Meeting and the winners will be advised and the results printed in the next newsletter.

Since W. L. Havard's "Romance of Jenolan" ends in 1933 the editor of this newsletter thinks it's time some writer/historian brought Jenolan history up to date – in time for the sesqui-centenary in 1988.

NATURE'S MASTERPIECE – JENOLAN CAVES:

This large (approximately 20cm x 12cm) photographic album of Jenolan Caves which was first printed in the early 1920 was recently purchased by the Society for \$25.00. It, unfortunately is showing its age as the first page (a map) is missing, however the photos are in good order – we believe the photographer was Capt. Frank Hurley.

It was decided to offer by auction this wonderful book to the members and your bids are invited in writing on the attached form and all bids to be in the hands of the editor by the 9th November, 1985.

The result will be announced at the meeting to be held at Jenolan Caves at that date.

HERITAGE LISTING:

Julia Horne noted that the National Trust of Australia (N.S.W.) was probably interested in listing the Jenolan Caves Reserve on the Register of the National Estate. It was agreed that JCH&PS would write to the National Trust supporting any nomination of the reserve and offering its assistance in this process.

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NEXT MEETING

GENERAL MEETING – SATURDAY, 9th NOVEMBER, 1985

VENUE: Ball Room, Jenolan Caves House
at 8.00 p.m.

Further Details elsewhere in this newsletter.

REPORT ON GENERAL MEETING – Monday, 12th August, 1985

There was not a great deal of business transacted at the meeting due to the lack of reports or non-attendance of several officers.

The night proved to be more of a social evening with members having a good opportunity to talk about Jenolan.

Bruce Welsh, a member of our society and a representative of J.E.P.C. (Jenolan Environmental Protection Committee) also delivered a lengthy talk about the J.E.P.C.

DETAILS OF PLANS FOR ACTIVITIES – SATURDAY, 9th NOVEMBER, 1985

- 2.30 p.m. Historical Inspection of the Tent Canopy Area of the River Cave. This is an old section of the tourist cave system full of historical importance. It was from this area that the Barralong Cave was discovered back in 1964.

It will be necessary for participants to carry torches. But there is NO sections of crawling, just walking and very beautiful formations. An opportunity not to be missed.

- 4.00 p.m. Committee Meeting – Venue to be arranged;
- 8.00 p.m. General Meeting, Ballroom, Jenolan Caves House
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Mr. Smith, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I deem it a privilege and an honour to be invited to perform the Official opening this evening of this building which will provide the Guides with much more functional and suitable accommodation for their important work.

Having been associated with the Caves for more than half a century I well remember the first Guides Office I saw in 1932, a small hut divided by a partition one room for the Senior Guides Office with a chair and table which filled the room and the other half for the amenities for the Guides with a small fuel stove for heating.

So by comparison the new premises are spacious and comfortable.

Ladies and Gentlemen, I wish to complement the Department, the Architect, and the Workmen, who built it.

I now have great pleasure in declaring it officially opened.

W. F. Heiron
August 17th, 1985

This speech was delivered before an audience of invited guests, staff and their families, totalling about 90 people – all inside at once – that should give some idea of the size of the building. It is timber clad on the area of the old shelter shed, beside the post-office – now the ticket office.

It has a high sloping roof which has enabled a mezzanine floor to be constructed — this is the area for meals, reading and relaxation.

The building has every mod-con including two fierce gas heaters and as heat rises the mezzanine floor is now known as 'Tropical Heights'.

The ground floor contains a complete kitchen, a private office for the Senior Guide and reception area for visitors. The floor coverings are wall to wall carpet throughout except for vinyl in the kitchen area.

A shower, storeroom and "his" and "hers" toilet completes the building.

The name given to the building is "Negagarra" which means — "to ask and be told".

Among the visitors were some guides of previous years: Mr. Ossie Batchelador, Mr. Bill Marks, Frank Harmon, Noel Rawlinson, Peter Morris, & Bob Richardson.

NEW ROUTES FOR OLD

After the railway reached it in 1868, Mount Victoria was made prominent by publicity given it by Sydney interests. Tourists were urged to set out from here for the caves, to which coaches were run as near as it was possible to drive. That the final mile of the journey had to be made on foot or by horse, descending one thousand two hundred feet, was some solace to the Western folk, for Tarana and Oberon were finding it hard to lure visitors so far from metropolitan comforts. In the early 'eighties Hartley sought the caves traffic, while Oberon, boding its eclipse, desired a light line of rail from Tarana to the caves. Yet the Tarana route still enjoyed the bulk of traffic, and Jeremiah Wilson ready with his coach and team of four greys, advertised *Fish River Caves. One of the Wonders of the World*

On January 5, 1886, the *Bathurst District Times* announced "many Christmas visitors to the caves, some via Tarana, some via Mount Victoria, some via Katoomba, with grumbling and vowing vengeance on the last named routes" Katoomba claimed that the difficulties of the bridle path had been exaggerated; Oberon remarked that "the dreary ride from Tarana is interspersed with smiling homesteads," while on the Mount Victoria route "there was a change of horses half way and the need of a refreshment house."

The strong mountain interests gained official favour for the more direct means of access, and the beginning of the present sweeping road known as the "Five Mile".

In May, 1887, a series of articles in the *Bathurst District Times* condemned this new way down into the caves valley as a wanton disfigurement of the landscape, and a waste of public money to suit the purposes of city vested interests. The way from Mount Victoria, requiring in rainy weather (according to the writer) ten hours to travel its forty miles, was "stopped at a flat one and a half miles from the Caves House by the increasing steepness of the hillside, thus leaving a long . . . tramp for visitors." To enable carriages to negotiate this end of the journey, the first idea was "to carry a new road by zig-zags (we believe) along the same hillside that was traversed by the existing bridle path (down Mount George - W. L. H.), and so over the Devil's Coach House and down to the house. Mr. Wilson promptly interposed, as this route threatened to endanger the security of his charge." Then the route through the Grand Arch was hit upon, and the road quickly surveyed and planned. Official reports that the caves would not in any way be harmed were alleged to have "effectually deceived the public, who had fondly hoped that not only the rock tunnels . . . but the open loveliness also of the sun-bathed ferns and climbing shrubs, and thick-leaved trees that adorn the valleys close at hand, would be preserved intact for the enjoyment of future visitors"

To give evidence against the assurance that the road from the waterfall to the Grand Arch would do no damage, the writer called upon all those who had *seen the mountain side rising all but precipitously from the creek, yet veiled as far as the eye can see with moss and herb and climbing clematis till all sense of sternness was lost in a bright indefinable mist of sun-smitten leafage; they have seen the flashing of the stream among its boulders, rejoicing once more in the daylight, hurrying along by banks of maidenhair and rock ledges where the everlasting and the violets take shelter, bathing in its coarse long coral-red gum roots, dashing its spray upwards towards the bows of the wild fig . . . The tourist will hear of a lovely waterfall, a clear bathing pool, a verdant gully, a luxuriant vegetation: he will see nothing of all this but decay and ruin and horrible destruction.*

This destruction, affirmed a leading article,* for the enrichment of a few Sydney syndicates interested in mountain hotels, could be avoided by continuing the Mount Victoria route via McKeon's Valley.

At a banquet to ministerial visitors at Oberon in August, 1887, a speaker said that "it was proposed to run a railway from Rydal or Mount Victoria to the caves. If this were done it would destroy for ever all chance of a railway from Oberon!" Advertising his line of coaches between Tarana and the caves, F. J. Wilson said:

This route enables tourists to visit the caves without undergoing the fatigue of a long coach journey, as Oberon is midway, and comfortable accommodation and every attention can be obtained.

* Bathurst District Times, May 21, 1887.

But it was in vain that the Tarana-Oberon route sought continued patronage. In the late 'eighties, an employed completed the descent of the "Five Mile" to within a quarter of a mile of the Grand Arch. World travellers found it a wonderful specimen of road-making, where it swept downhill in broad curves through a magnificent monotony of deep gullies and rocky hillocks.

In December, 1895, operations were begun for extending the Mount Victoria road through the Grand Arch. The project, for which £1500 was granted, was entrusted to Mr. Brownrigg, Resident Engineer, Lithgow. From the "Turntable," the then terminus for heavy traffic, the new road followed a bridle-path for nine chains, then by a limestone bridge and approaches reached the eastern end of the Grand Arch. For some two hundred and fifty feet the path was followed under the Archway; along the creek, but above it, for two hundred feet, the road was carried by iron girders and buckled plates, in the form of a long culvert. Overhanging rock was dislodged to give necessary width on this section. Emerging from the Archway, the road connected with the Oberon road, opposite a plantation, one hundred and fifty feet beyond the culvert. Finished in 1896, this extension eliminated the inconvenience of visitors having to walk a quarter of a mile to and from Caves House.

In the late 'nineties cyclists visited the caves, members of both sexes riding from Mount Victoria. Early in June, 1903, Mr. Mark Foy conducted a party in two motor cars from Blackheath. After delay occasioned by boggy roads and a mechanical defect in one car, the first car — an eight horse-power single-cylinder De Dion, driven by Mr. B. Beckman — reached the caves at eight p.m., having left Blackheath at eleven a.m. This trial showed the need for motors of greater power. The success of motor traffic was assured when, in September, 1903, a full load was taken in four hours from Blackheath. The Mountain Motor Car Company's line was then established. In January, 1906, horses broke the pole of a coach at the caves through taking fright at a motor cycle. Cars found it difficult to ascend the Pass of Victoria, and for a while a resident of Hartley Valley made a tidy sum with his horse hauling them up this historic road. This difficulty was largely responsible for the Berghofer Pass deviation, begun in 1907, which, it was said, "will be much appreciated by caves travellers by motors and other vehicles." From Mount Victoria on September 8, 1909, the first taxi-cab to make the journey left the Imperial Hotel. Early in 1910 "the pace of motor cars was terrific, drivers boasting of twenty miles per hour through Mount Victoria." There was a steady flow of visitors to the caves, travelling chiefly by motor. There had been long delays in the work on Berghofer Pass, a "white elephant on the shoulders of the ratepayers" it was said, but early in 1912 it neared completion. In September, 1912, the passing of the horse coach to the caves was reported. Traffic was handled entirely by motor. In 1913, the Pass of Victoria was in neglect; Berghofer Pass carried the traffic until 1920, when, hasting home with their passengers, drivers rushed their powerful cars up Mitchell's historic way, which once more came into its own. In 1915, the taking over as a

national work of the control and maintenance of the road from Hampton to Edith, with the caves between, was attended by marked improvement in the facilities of access to the caves. Bends in the "Five Mile" were widened, and hillside timber cleared to give unrestricted views of the road, which is now one of the great motor highways of the State. The enormous traffic throughout the 1920's necessitated the institution of traffic regulations governing the road. Overseas visitors are impressed with the skill of the tourist drivers in maintaining the splendid service, which is the feature of the journey to Jenolan Caves.

The article "New Routes for Old" is taken from the "Romance of Jenolan" by Ward L. Havard read before the R.A.H.S. on 28th November, 1933.



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2-10-85

Dear Society Member,

I have taken this opportunity to bring you up to date on developments with the planning and management issues that have been the subject of considerable debate this year.

Some of you may be aware from media reports that the National Trust has recently "classified" a considerable area surrounding and including Jenolan Caves. The classification by the National Trust is not binding on the State Government but is a significant comment on the importance of the Jenolan Caves area to the community.

The National Trust Report, an extract of which is enclosed, makes specific recommendations about the sort of protection and recognition Jenolan should get at the State level. The Trusts' comments on the need for a plan of management and the broadening of the Trust concept support the arguments which this Society has been pursuing since 1984.

This Society has received a reply from the Hon. Janice Crosio, Minister for Natural Resources, in response to a submission made in respect of Jenolan Caves Reserve. Mrs Crosio has apparently made some recommendations to the Hon. Michael Cleary, Minister for Sport and Recreation and Minister for Tourism, regarding the need for a plan of management for Jenolan and the composition of the Trust for the Jenolan Caves Reserve. I am hopeful that JCHAPS will be asked to take part in the Trust when it is established.

Enclosed with this letter is a notice about the Australian Caves History Seminar which has been arranged through JCHAPS. Unfortunately the fact that our General meeting is on the night before may be a problem for those of you who do not stay overnight. I would certainly recommend the seminar if you have to choose and I am sure your absence from the meeting will be overlooked.

Another year is drawing to a close and it is only two! years until we are to celebrate the Sesqui-centenary of the discovery of the reason for the existence of JCHAPS. Please send in your **WRITTEN** suggestions as to how we might celebrate this significant event. We have only next year to decide how we are going to spend 1987 arranging to celebrate 1988, if you get my meaning!!!!

Regards

Stephen Oppen
Stephen Oppen
President.

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Statement of Significance

Jenolan is one of the most important areas of natural and cultural history in Australia. The area includes one of the largest and most beautiful inter-connected cave systems in Australia and is an outstanding site of geological and speleological interest.

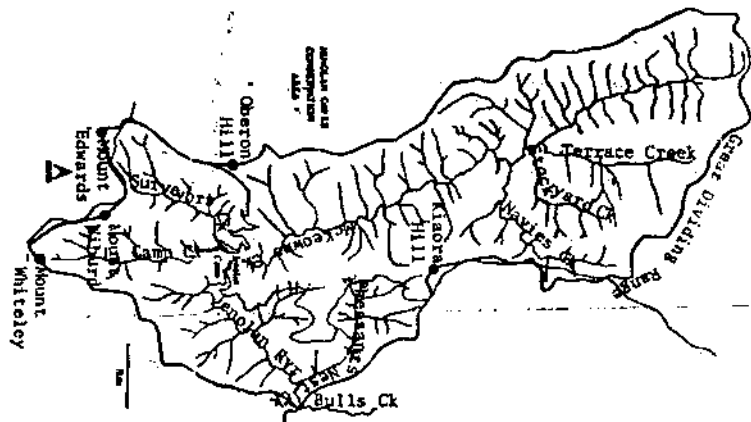
The Jenolan River, Blue Lake and a system of intimate valleys and watercourses provide a magnificent setting for a distinctive range of native vegetation and fauna. The Caves Reserve was created in 1866, six years before the declaration of the world's first National Park. Since its reported discovery by James Whalan between 1838 and 1841 the area has attracted more than three million visitors. Caves House, and its associated outbuildings, adds to the area's cultural significance.

The area also contains a number of important industrial relics, including Australia's first hydro-electric power station and the remnants of the first electric lighting of caves which was installed in the Chifley Cave in 1887.

Boundary and Curtilage of Classification

The Jenolan Caves Conservation Area encompasses the Jenolan River, its tributaries and catchment from the River's source to its confluence with Bulls Creek and includes the geological formations within and underlying the valley including the entire caves system, the native flora and fauna, buildings and relics of historic or industrial archaeological significance and other features of historic, social or scenic importance such as tracks, pools and views. The area is generally bounded on the west and north by the Great Dividing Range, to the east by the ridgeline incorporating Kia Ora Hill and extending to the confluence of Bulls Creek and Jenolan River; to the south-east by the ridge extending to Mount Whitely and to the south-west by the ridge extending to Mount Edwards.

The area includes Jenolan Caves Reserve (No 43615) for the "Preservation of Caves" and Wildlife Refuge No 67.



RECOMMENDATIONS

The heritage significance of the Jenolan Caves Conservation Area is undisputed. Bearing this significance in mind the National Trust makes the following recommendations:

- The Reserve Trust should be extended to include representatives from the National Parks and Wildlife Service, the Australian Speleological Federation, the National Trust, the Jenolan Caves Historical and Preservation Society, the Jenolan Environment Protection Committee and the Crown Lands Office.
- The National Trust recommends that the Government review the management of Jenolan with a view to assessing which Government Department or Authority has the most appropriate statutory role, and administrative and management capacity, to protect, conserve and manage the resources of the Jenolan Reserve.
- A Plan of Management should be prepared for the reserve in accordance with section 37(v) of the Crown Lands Consolidation Act 1913, and all development within the reserve should halt pending its preparation, public display and adoption.
- An Environment Impact Statement must be prepared for any future major developments.
- The making of a Conservation Instrument over the Reserve by the Minister for Environment & Planning is supported by the National Trust.
- The terminology Caves Reserve should be used in promoting the Caves, and not Caves Resort. The latter term indicates the domination of tourism and man over the Reserve's natural environment. The Reserve is for the Preservation of Caves, and its use and enjoyment by man should be secondary to this prime aim.
- The advice of the National Parks and Wildlife Service should be obtained on the possible enlargement of the enclosure for the protection and breeding of the brush-tailed rock-wallaby as the present facility shows evidence of over-grazing and land degradation. The present sign, indicating the co-operation of the Fauna Protection Panel, is 20 years obsolete.
- Logging operations within the Conservation Area should be carefully controlled to ensure that erosion and siltation cannot degrade Jenolan River and the caves system.
- Careful attention should be paid to the choice of exotic and non-local native species used in amenity plantings. Naturalised exotics should be progressively removed from areas other than the Caves House Precinct.
- Unsympathetic facilities should not be sited in the Grand Arch and existing constructions of this type should be removed.
- The development of sporting facilities which promote activities not in sympathy with the natural environment of the Reserve should be curtailed and steps should be taken to promote the natural values of the Reserve in tourist promotion.
- An appropriate architectural style, complimentary to the 1898-1923 complex of buildings, should be adopted for all new buildings in the Caves House precinct. Buildings of conflicting design and/or materials should be progressively removed.
- Expert advice should be sought on the regeneration of natural areas within the Caves Reserve which have become degraded by weed invasion.



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NEXT MEETING

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING-SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1986
VENUE: Conference Room, Jenolan Caves House
at 8.30 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Apologies
2. Approval of Minutes of the Previous Meeting
3. Matters Arising out of Minutes
4. Receipt of Office Bearers Reports
5. Election of Office Bearers for 1986
6. General Business
7. Date of Next AGM
8. Close

The AGM will be preceded by an ordinary meeting of the Jenolan Caves Historical and Preservation Society.

CAVE HISTORY SEMINAR

On the Sunday following the last JCHAPS meeting at Jenolan, this Society hosted a seminar on cave history in Australia. This event was stimulated by suggestions from one of our members, Dr Elery Hamilton-Smith and the visit to Australia of Dr Trevor Shaw, an English authority on cave history throughout the world.

The seminar was a resounding success, being the first of its kind held in Australia. Participants, including a number of JCHAPS members, presented papers on a variety of topics related to cave history in Australia, including work on cave fossils, and the caves of Bungonia, Wombeyan and the Nullabor.

JCHAPS is currently looking at publishing the results of the seminar for wider distribution. However, for your interest some thoughts expressed by Dr Elery Hamilton-Smith in his overview on cave history in Australia are presented here.

Spelean History in Australia : A Preliminary Overview
Elery Hamilton-Smith

"Introduction

The first-ever seminar on spelean history in this country constitutes something of a milestone, and so this paper is written as a state-of-the-art review of what has happened and is happening in Australian speleo-history. Hopefully, others will be able to add important data which are at present unknown to me. I would also hope that the near future will see enough further study to make this paper out-of-date anyway.

Comments and further data are more than welcome; I would be very happy to incorporate more information prior to publication of the seminar proceedings, and so make this even more useful.

Dr Hamilton-Smith listed several levels of historical study including:

- recording of people's first hand experience
- locating different kinds of source material
- compiling narratives of events as they occur
- developing a critical perspective on history

The paper concluded with a number of suggestions for compiling history and, in particular, history at Jenolan. These were:

- that every attempt must be made to record first-hand experiences before it is too late
- that any source materials must be adequately safeguarded for the future, particularly unique copies, original documents, and specialised collections.
- that the indexing of source material is in itself valuable and should be extended as much as possible
- in particular, that the Jenolan Caves Historical and Preservation Society, as the only historical society in Australia with a speleological focus, should as a matter of urgency establish a proper register of its own holdings and ensure their safe-keeping.

RESOURCES CENTRE NOW OPEN

A new Resources Centre has been established at Jenolan Caves to provide visitors with information on and interpretation of the Jenolan Caves area.

The Centre is located in the old Guides Office which has been restructured internally and fitted with new lighting and carpeting.

The central feature of the Centre is the model of the Left Imperial Cave (known as the Chifley Cave since 1952) made by cave surveyor Oliver Trickett. This is accompanied by a photographic display on Jenolan Caves prepared by the Geological and Mining Museum in Sydney. Both these and other exhibits make

Centre a most useful facility, one which has been needed for some time.

About 90 guests attended the opening of the Centre. The guest speaker at the opening, Dr Graham Taylor, was introduced by the Tourist Commission's representative at the meeting, Mr Paul Crombie. Dr Taylor delivered the following address which we thought might interest Society members:

" Thank you Mr Crombie for your introduction and welcome to Jenolan Caves. It is a great honour to be invited to open the Resource Centre, a pleasure which I would normally expect to be reserved for a parliamentarian. I assure you that I have no aspirations in that direction.

We are led to believe that Jenolan Caves were first seen by white man between 1838 and 1841 when James Whalan and two mounted policemen tracked the bushranger McKeown into the Devil's Coachhouse. But the geological history precedes this date by millions of years.

During the Silurian period, some 450 million years ago, a coralline limestone, similar to that now forming the Great Barrier Reef, was deposited in a shallow warm sea. This was followed by marine sediments and some volcanic material in the Devonian period. Subsequent tectonic events resulted in folding of the rocks so that instead of being flat-lying, they were now standing virtually on end. Uplift of the eastern coast of Australia and subsequent erosion of the limestone by streams resulted in the formation of the caves. Thus we have the three major ingredients for cave formation - limestone, water and time - the same three ingredients responsible for the caves at Wellington, Abercrombie, Wombeyan, Bungonia and others throughout the world. Uplift and erosion also caused the magnificently rugged topography through which we travelled to get here. As a geologist, I often marvel at how the early pioneers discovered mineral deposits and natural phenomena in such environments as this. Undoubtedly,

McKeown must have felt fairly safe from the arm of the law.

This short lesson in geology is important because the same three ingredients are present today. It is a dynamic system and will in the course of time alter the cave system dramatically, and may even obliterate the caves entirely. That dynamic system also includes the native flora and fauna which increase the acidity of the water thus hastening the erosional processes. These factors are often overlooked by those members of the community who would advocate restricted access to the caves and reserve in order to preserve this natural resource. There is no denying that past practices have resulted in the destruction of many cave formations the uncontrolled spread of exotic vegetation and possibly the alienation of native fauna. Fortunately, these practices have now ceased and efforts are being made to restore the native flora and fauna.

In these days of consensus politics, efforts must be made to reach a balance between making this magnificent natural resource available to all who wish to visit and meeting the reasonable requirements of the environmentalists and conservationists, remembering of course the constraints of finance, the need to meet with reasonable safety measures, making best use of the facilities presently available etc. There is no place for the confrontation we experienced earlier this year, particularly as many of the accusations were without foundation. Such confrontation all too often leads to extremes such as wholesale alienation of the environment or access by the privileged few. Although presently held up by bureaucracy, the constitution of the proposed trust could represent all the interested parties.

It seems to me that it is all a matter of education and what better way to do this than a Resource Centre where all visitors to the Reserve can learn about the geological history of the area, development of caves and their formations, the human history, the environment and its preservation and speleology. Such material is presently scattered through a number of buildings and we have been most fortunate to receive display material from the Geological and Mining Museum. The vision to convert the Guides' old office to a Resource Centre is to be applauded - it

not only means that much of the material can be displayed in one area but also that the guides now occupy a much more comfortable building.

When I first started exploring caves in the southwest of South Australia as a child, the only information available was the folklore dispensed by the one and only guide (whom I am positive lived in one of the caves.) A Resource Centre such as this will provide the information to satisfy everybody's thirst for knowledge - and the information will be correct. I hope that it will also be the focus for a number of self-guided tours and walks, so that visitors can see for themselves the various rock types, folds and faults, fossils, rock formations, flora and fauna of the Reserve. It will also have displays and provide literature for school projects.

Finally, I would like to make two suggestions which will have benefit.

1. The Tourist Commission make money available to allow selected staff members to visit other developed cave systems in Australia and throughout the world so that the development of Jenolan is to the highest standards.
2. That from the knowledge gained from such visits, consideration be given to relocating the Resource Centre at the entrance of the Reserve, where there is more room for an enlarged Centre and parking, and both the geological and human history started.

Mr Crombie, Ladies and Gentlemen, it now gives me great pleasure to declare this Resource Centre open. May it be of great benefit to those thousands of visitors who visit Jenolan Caves. Thank you."

MEMBERSHIP OF JCHAPS

The Society would like to welcome the following new members:

Mr & Mrs D. Arms	Seaford, Victoria
Mr Peter DG Jewkes	Neutral Bay
Miss Marilyn J Kelly	Sylvania Heights
Dr Trevor Royce Shaw	Bath, England
Mr & Mrs JF Taylor	Black Springs
Mr D. Wiburd	Bathurst
Janine Wakefield	Harbord

Change of address on Membership Form for the Membership Secretary:

Theresa Opper
Membership Secretary
~~100A Bourke Street~~ 29 Wyatt Street,
~~GOULBURN NSW 2580~~ Goulburn. 2580
New South Wales

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS

Dear Member

Membership subscriptions are now due for 1986.
If a cross appears in the box, your subscription is due for renewal and I hope to hear from you soon. Membership form at back of newsletter.



Theresa Opper
MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY



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MEETING DATES

May 24th 1986.....Jenolan Caves
August 18th 1986.....Sydney
November 8th 1986.....Jenolan Caves
February 14th 1987.....AGM Jenolan Caves

NEXT MEETING

GENERAL MEETING - SATURDAY, 24th MAY, 1986
VENUE: Conference Room, Jenolan Caves House
at 8.30pm

Guest speaker, Ross Knowles, of the Wilderness Society, will present an audio-visual show on "The Wilderness of NSW".

R A F F L E

The winner of the JCH&PS Raffle, held while the AGM was in progress, was Dianne Knobel of Campbelltown. The prize was a pictorial tray donated by Mr Heiron, to whom we extend our thanks.

On behalf of the members of the Society I would like to thank Ken Buckley (retiring editor) for handling the Newsletter so well over the past few years. The newsletter had lapsed and Ken has put it back on its feet, as the saying goes. I hope he supports me in the coming year.

That the material remains up on its high standard is not just up to the Editor, but depends on all of us, especially as it is the sole communication with many of our members. If every member found one photo, article or quote we would have additional material for newsletters for the next 40 years. Think about it, you might find something the rest of us haven't seen, if we've seen it, I'm sure we won't mind seeing it again, after all, we do get new members each year.

Looking forward to our communications

Cathie

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40 Dart Street
OBERON NSW 2787

Enquiries: 063 36 1409

The closing date for material for the next newsletter is the 24th June 1986.

N O T I C E O F M O T I O N

At the Annual General Meeting a notice of motion (moved R Guy, seconded D Short) was put that the JCH&PS Constitution should be amended to the effect that the incumbent manager of Jenolan Caves House should be the permanent NSW Government Representative on the JCH&PS Committee. It was resolved that this motion be put at the next ordinary meeting of the Society. (24 May 1986) --

OFFICE BEARERS 1986

President - SJ Opper
Vice President - Mr D Short & B Richard
Treasurer - Mrs D Short
Assistant Treasurer - R Lindsay
Secretary - M Chilcott
Assistant Secretary - M Sullivan
Membership Secretary - T Opper
Curator - J Horne & J Dunkley
Research Officer - S Melton
NSW Government Representative - Manager, Caves House
Committee - S O'Gorman W Buckley
 P McGuire S Heaney
 C Draheim(newsletter Editor)
 V Targett W Targett
Trustee - J Bryant, W Heiron & J Culley

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Dear Member

If a red cross appears in the box, your 1986 membership subscription is now due. Just a reminder that the membership application form may be used for new members. Thankyou to everyone for your cooperation in the last year. The Society thanks you all for your interest and support.

NEW MEMBERS

The Society would like to welcome the following new members:

Mrs Jill Webb Springwood(rejoined)
Mr Robert Lindsay Lithgow

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP REPORT

The Membership of the Society is now 160. This includes 89 family members, 56 single members, 11 students, 3 special honorary members and our patron, Mr Harold Coates. We gained 13 new members this year, of which one rejoined. There were 26 lapsed memberships. Overall, we have had a decrease of 15 members for 1985.

WE ARE SEVERAL MONTHS INTO 1986, OF 160 MEMBERS,
75 ARE FINANCIAL FOR THE CURRENT YEAR!

I attribute the decrease of membership to some families changing to single memberships only, thereby losing some family members. Other reasons include change of address for students and less recruitment.

T Opper Membership Secretary

S A L E S

The last meeting of the Society was informed that the JCH&PS historic postcards were now on sale through the Jenolan Caves Souvenir Kiosk. The final arrangements were that the NSW Tourist Commission purchased the cards for 10c each in bulk, resulting in an income of \$300 for the Society.

John Dunkley pointed out that a few technical hitches had been encountered in the production of his book. However, he said that the Society's Committee had agreed to carry on with publication and to seek assistance in financing this. He said that there was hope the publication would be achieved by June or July, 1986.

It was agreed that publication of the occasional papers should be pursued. The major thrust at this point would be to re-publish the steam-cleaning paper, as this was the most directly relevant to cave tourism and allowed guiding staff to mention JCH&PS in it in their tours. The occasional papers would cost approximately 90c each to produce and could be sold for \$2.00 each. After the original run, subsequent copies would be less per unit.

The Society is an agent for the Central Mapping Authority and various historical, regional, and tourist maps are available.

The Society also acts as an agent in selling various books which are of interest to members of the Society and the general public: "Six Foot Track"; "Cave Diving in Australia"; "The Caves of Jenolan 2: The Northern Limestone"; "The exploration and Speleogeography of Mammoth Cave, Jenolan"; "The Funnel Web Spider", are just some of the publications available.

Also available are reproductions of the now historical map by Oliver Trickett.

Society members may also purchase copies of the cassette "Warren Targett - LIVE at Jenolan Caves House" through the Society, thus giving the Society another small financial gain.

ANYONE INTERESTED IN THESE AND/OR ANY OTHER MATERIAL AVAILABLE THROUGH THE SOCIETY SHOULD CONTACT THE ASSISTANT TREASURER, ROBERT LINDSAY, C/- GUIDES OFFICE, JENOLAN CAVES RESERVE, 2790.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 1986

President's Report

Steven Opper's report highlighted the need for a management plan for Jenolan Caves to be developed as soon as possible, and the need for the Society to develop further ideas for participation in the Bicentenary year of 1988.

Treasurer's Report

Richard Guy's report for the year ending 31 December 1985 showed that the Society had gross receipts for the year of \$4 123 and gross expenses of \$3 041. This resulted in a surplus for the financial year of \$1 082.

Major items in the Society's income for the year under review were the conference on Australian Caves History and the sale of items through the Guides' Office such as maps.

Curators' Report

In the absence of the curators, S Opper noted that 1985 had seen a number of new additions to the JCH&PS collection. However, he emphasised that although the collection was still secured in one location, considerable work remains to be done in cataloguing the collection. He also suggested that JCH&PS should consider advertising for material through newspapers in such centres as Sydney.

Relations with the New South Wales Government

It was agreed that letters be sent to relevant Ministers in the NSW Government to establish direct links between those Ministers and JCH&PS. It was recommended that similar correspondence be sent to the Premier of NSW. It was suggested that these letters particularly make mention of the co-operation received by JCH&PS from the NSW Tourism Commission.

CONFERENCE PROCEEDINGS

The General Meeting held on 15 February 1986 was informed that the proceedings of the conference on Australian Cave History sponsored through JCH&PS in November, 1985, would be published through the journal "Helictite". Mr Opper noted that the cost of this publication to the Society would be between \$500 and \$600 which would provide the Society with 100 copies of the proceedings. He said that 40 of these copies were committed to be sent to people who attended the conference and that the remaining 60 would be available for sale by JCH&PS.

DANCE 1986

We are hoping to have the co-operation of the management of Caves House in organising a dance for Society members and friends and for the guests, to be held on the 8 November 1986.

Please plan accommodation ahead of time so as to avoid possible disappointment.

P R E S I D E N T ' S R E P O R T

On behalf of the Society I wish to thank the Management and staff of the Tourism Commission for your co-operation and assistance throughout 1985.

The past year has been quite productive, the November History Seminar being the notable success of the year. The debate and campaign for the future management of the Jenolan Caves Reserve continued with some developments, the most significant being the National Trust's classification of the Caves. The diversity of comments and the fact that the debate entered State Parliament is indicative of the scale of this issue. It is somewhat disappointing, though not surprising, that no tangible progress has been made in securing a plan of management for the area.

Many issues have been raised and no doubt are important in respect of Jenolan. However, as was clearly stated from the time of JCH&PS' submission in 1984, the as yet uncontrollable spread of exotic vegetation is the greatest threat to the survival of the natural environment within this Reserve.

In an obvious attempt at window dressing, a landscaping project began in the middle of the Reserve early in 1985. In spite of the efforts of those who had to do the work, this ill-conceived and poorly advised project has had no effect on the spread of exotics across the Reserve. Had advice been sought from the appropriate authorities, such as the National Parks and Wildlife Service, the effort now wasted could have had a real benefit. The Pastures Protection Board and Department of Agriculture were not relevant to a project of this nature. It is significant that not one of the predominant species of exotic plants in the Reserve is declared noxious by the PP Board in this area. The Society must continue to bring the destructive nature of uncontrolled exotics to the attention of the Government. I also urge you to write as individuals to the Ministers for Natural Resources, Environment and Planning, and Tourism. We must also continue to support other groups and societies pursuing related issues. These include the Australian Speleological Federation, Jenolan Environment Protection Committee, National Parks Associations, National Trust, Wilderness Society, and Total Environment Centre. No single body will win this battle and it is a battle which must be won.

Looking ahead, the Society must address the coming sesqui-centenary in 1988. The co-operation of the Tourism Commission was assured by Mr Paul Crombie, General Manager of the Commission, in his opening address at the history seminar in November, 1985. This expression of support is gratefully acknowledged. Planning for the sesqui-centenary must be carried out in earnest. We should be mindful, however, of our present commitments to the long term planning and management issues.

Any so-called celebration in 1988 will be hollow indeed if existing issues and problems are not resolved. The challenge is clearly there for the State Government to follow-up its statements recognising the significance of Jenolan Caves. It is incumbent on Government to physically repair the effects of the threats identified at Jenolan, then ensure no new threats emerge. Surely a better target date could not be set. The sesqui-centenary should be a time to celebrate and a date from which to advance. The destruction of Jenolan Caves Reserve must be stopped. We will all have lost if it is not.

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In closing, I would like to thank all members of the Society for your support. JCH&PS is not just an executive and committee, we are 160 individuals with a common cause. On behalf of the outgoing executive and Committee, I wish you all the best of success in 1986. Let us be optimistic about the future but not complacent.

Thank you

SJ Opper

Extract from: "From KATOOMBA to JENOLAN CAVES THE SIX FOOT TRACK"
Jim Smith

2 A History of the Six Foot Track

Early Routes to Jenolan Caves

From the mid-nineteenth century the Jenolan Caves became one of the most popular tourist attractions of inland Australia. In the early 1850's visitors to the Caves travelled on horseback or partly over rough buggy tracks from Bathurst, Oberon or Tarana. Later in the 1850's and 1860's visitors from Sydney who had travelled along the Great Western Road could rest overnight at hotels at Hartley or Bowenfels before proceeding along more direct tracks. In 1868 the railway line reached Mt Victoria and hotel owners there constructed a rough buggy track to the Caves. As the Jenolan Caves are situated at the bottom of a very steep walled valley, the expense of completing the road all the way was too much for these early entrepreneurs. Instead, visitors had to walk or ride on horseback the last two and a half kilometres.

By 1872 the railway reached Tarana, reinforcing this town's long established prominence in the field of supplying accommodation to Caves travellers. The road from Tarana at this stage however, like the one from Mt Victoria, stopped short of the Caves. Visitors had to walk or ride the last steep section. In 1879 this was rectified and Tarana became the only township on the railway line from which it was possible to ride in a coach all the way to the Caves. The town thrived on this monopoly for over a decade.

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The Survey

... Cooper's route used existing tracks where possible, and according to Megalong Valley residents, brumby trails formed part of his route through the valley. He used an existing track along the Black Range to the Mt Victoria Road, and followed this road to the Caves. The final section of this was a bridle trail which crossed over the top of the Devils Coach House and passed by the Carlotta Arch..."

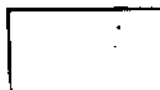
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NEXT MEETING

GENERAL MEETING-MONDAY 18 AUGUST 1986

VENUE: Masonic Hall, 44 Beresford Road, Strathfield
at 8.00 p.m.

Proposed agenda includes: Revision of museum attendant's Fees, Discussion with Julia Horne on JCH&PS museum's collection policy, forming a working party for the 1988 Sesqui-Centenary of the discovery of Jenolan Caves, slide show by Scott Melton.

Supper: Please bring a plate with something on it.

Enquiries: Bill Buckley (02) 76 9287

MEETING DATES

18 AUGUST 1986	—	SYDNEY
8 NOVEMBER 1986	—	JENOLAN CAVES
14 FEBRUARY 1987	—	AGM, JENOLAN CAVES

REPORT FROM THE MAY GENERAL MEETING

THE 1988 SESQUI-CENTENARY OF THE DISCOVERY OF JENOLAN CAVES

The sesqui-centenary (150 years) was discussed and it was decided that a working party (WP) of members independent of the Executive should be established. This will allow continuity in the planning and running of the celebrations. It is anticipated that there would be three or four members on the WP.

Please consider your interest in being on this WP with reference to the following point:

- Next year (1987) is the only time available to have all plans finalised.
- The Society, and therefore the WP, must be able to keep close contact with the Tourism Commission during the whole process.
- There will obviously be a lot of work involved in researching, planning and finally running the celebrations.
- The members of the WP must be prepared to meet whenever it is necessary to do so.

The WP will be established at the General Meeting on 18 August to be held in Sydney. If you can't be there but want to nominate yourself, please do so in writing and send to Mike Chilcott, 21/4-8 Ball Avenue, EASTWOOD.

So that the WP can effectively operate it must be given a certain amount of autonomy and therefore a clear set of guidelines to follow. The list below is a possible starting point for such guidelines:

- What is to be the theme of the celebrations? ie, the discovery only, discovery and subsequent development etc.
- Will the Society attempt to run activities for members only, in addition to co-operative activities with the Commission?

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- Will we plan for several events, one big event or a combination of both?
- What other organisations should be invited to contribute and/or participate? Speleological societies and nearby historical societies come to mind.

There are no doubt other issues. Please commit your ideas to paper and send or bring them to the August meeting.

THE AUGUST MEETING IS THE DEADLINE. WE CANNOT WAIT ANOTHER
150 YEARS!

MUSEUM ATTENDANT'S FEES

Stephen Oper raised the question, 'Does the fee of \$20 apply ONLY to Sundays and Public Holidays?'

By reference to the minutes of the relevant general meeting from 1982, the following interpretation was accepted by the (May '86) meeting.

The original motion increasing fees to \$20 only referred to Sundays and Public Holidays. Therefore the fee for Saturday, week days and School Holidays was unchanged.

The hours of duty were also subject to amendment. For Sundays and Public Holidays only, the hours are now 11am to 4pm with no closure for lunch, ie 5 hours. All other days remain unchanged.

TO SUMMARISE THE PRESENT CONDITIONS

Sunday/Public Holiday: 11am to 4pm (no lunch break). Fee \$20.
All other days: 3 hours minimum, \$6 local member, \$9 travelling member. It was agreed that the whole subject should be reviewed at the August meeting.

Dear Members

Renewal of 1986 membership subscriptions is coming along, but we are moving into the second half of our financial year. If a red cross appears in the box, you are still unfinancial this year and I hope to hear from you soon. Details on back of newsletter.

The Society would like to welcome the following new members:

Mr John Ekin - Bellevue Hill

Mr Alan Fairweather - Jenolan Caves

A PLEA FOR HELP

One of the activities the Society is undertaking this year is to catalogue objects in its collection. If anyone would like to help with this task, please contact Julia Horne: w-(02) 697 2379, or h-(02) 357 3357.

Anyone requiring information for suitable dress for November Colonial Dance can also contact Julia personally at the above numbers.

JCH&PS MUSEUM'S DRAFT COLLECTION POLICY

Just because an object is old does not mean it is historically significant. And if an object is not historically significant it should not be collected. The main aims of JCH&PS museum's collection policy should be to define areas of study significant to the history of Jenolan Caves and create an obligation on the Society that it collect objects directly relevant to those areas. A draft policy has been set out and discussion is invited - especially regarding Point 2 in which the areas of study are defined - at the Society's meeting in August.

- 1) The Society will collect, preserve, research and exhibit material which will enable it to illustrate and record an account of people and nature within Jenolan Caves Reserve.
- 2)
 - a. The material collected by the Society must relate to those areas which contributed significantly to the Reserve's history. These areas are natural environment (with special emphasis on speleology), exploration, settlement, education, tourism and transportation.
 - b. The Society has a duty to include any Aboriginal associations which may be found to have been significant to the Reserve.
 - c. It is recognised that the Reserve is part of a wider "multicultural" society. The Society has a duty not to overlook any non-Anglo Saxon aspects relevant to the areas specified in Point 2a).
- 3) The Society will provide for the preservation and conservation of such material. It will make it available to those who wish to see and study it unless the material's fragility means it is best not handled. The Society will decide whether the items are so fragile that they should not be handled.
- 4) Donations of relevant material from individuals and organisations are to be encouraged. The Society will not guarantee to exhibit any material accepted into the collection.
- 5) If material is considered to be unusable because it is outside the Society's area of concern or of poorer quality than other similar material also in the collection, the Society's governing body can dispose of such material by exchange, by donation to other historical societies or related institutions, or by sale to approved buyers. Any money so obtained is to be used to purchase appropriate material for the collection.
- 6) Loans, except for the purpose of temporary exhibitions, are to be discouraged.

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- 7) Collection of objects for the Society's collection may be done by any member of the Society or staff of Jenolan Caves Resort and should be recorded in the Day Book. The actual selection and acceptance of objects can be made only by the Society's governing body.
- 8) The Society will record all objects added to its collections promptly using an approved registration system. Every effort is to be made to acquire all relevant information concerning material at the time of its acceptance.

NOVEMBER MEETING AND DANCE

The May meeting of the Society discussed whether or not an ordinary meeting of JCH&PS would be held in addition to the Colonial Dance. It was decided that a meeting would be held during the afternoon of the November 8 and that this would be followed by the Colonial Dance that Evening.

A local band has been booked for the dance. At this stage management of Jenolan Caves Resort has not reached a decision on the exact venue for the dance, the choices being either the Grand Arch or the Caves House Ballroom. Tickets are being printed and will be available to members, friends, and guests. Caves House Management will inform guests that it is a Private function which they are welcome to attend and dress in colonial costume if they so desire. The organising committee has booked:

One (1) Standard Room - no private facilities
Nine (9) Budget Rooms - no private facilities

In Caves House for Saturday night, 8 November. If you require accommodation and have not yet booked or paid a deposit act immediately. To obtain one or more of the above rooms contact Caves House and ask for a room booked in the name of the Historical Society, indicating that you are a Society member. Any room on which a deposit has not been received by a minimum of 28 days prior to the dance will be let to the public.

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We are fortunate to be able to block book once again - please do not abuse the facility. Management is considering allowing us a regular block booking (5 rooms) for our regular meeting dates.

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NEXT MEETING

GENERAL MEETING - 8 NOVEMBER, 1986

VENUE: Conference Room at 2.00 pm

COLONIAL DANCE, 8 NOVEMBER, 1986

VENUE: Ballroom, Jenolan Caves House at 8.30 pm

BUSHWALK, 9 NOVEMBER, 1986

at 10.00 am

The General Meeting will be preceded by
an 11.00 am Committee Meeting

**THE DATE OF THE SOCIETY'S
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING IS:
Saturday, 15 February, 1987, Jenolan Caves**

18 AUGUST, 1986 MEETING REPORT

SESQUI-CENTENARY

As suggested in the last newsletter, a working party (WP) was established to co-ordinate the sesqui-centenary celebrations. The members selected for the WP are:

Janet Bryant
Julia Horne
Scott Melton
Janet Pucci

It was also agreed to have the President be designated as an ex-officio member of the WP. The first task of the group will be to establish liason with the Tourism Commission.

MUSEUM COLLECTION POLICY

A draft policy was printed for discussion in the last newsletter. At the August meeting several amendments were made to the policy as it was discussed. Julia Horne will now prepare the first draft policy as a notice of motion to be dealt with at the November meeting.

The redrafted policy is printed herein.

JENOLAN CAVES PLAN OF MANAGEMENT

Just prior to the August meeting the Society was invited to comment on a proposed study brief for a draft plan of management for Jenolan Caves Reserve. Due to the closing date for our submission (15 August, 1986), the President and Secretary prepared a response on the Society's behalf.

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The JCH&PS submission was a comprehensive review of the proposed study and included a rewritten study brief incorporating a number of suggested changes.

The submission was endorsed by the members at the August meeting.

The study proposed by the Tourism Commission is very comprehensive and would result in a large collection of useful information. The main concerns identified in the Society's review are contained in the following extracts from the review:

"The tender as proposed incorporates into the management plan objectives, matters which are clearly the domain of future development applications and can therefore not be accepted as stated. The details of our objections are set out at the relevant section herein.

Closely related to the above is that fact that in several parts of the document we are given the impression that if necessary, the conservation requirements of the Reserve may have to be 'balanced' against the pressure of public usage. This is in direct contradiction of the purpose of the plan of management which is, quote: "To provide for the continued protection of the natural features and natural ecosystems of the Reserve."

"The plan of management should represent a reference document to be used in assessing any proposed activity within the Jenolan Caves Reserve. The plan would contain the results of an extensive environmental study to collect all available data on the Reserve and its resources.

"The plan will also contain detailed assessments of the constraints to and controls needed for activities which may be proposed in developing the resources identified by the environmental study.

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"The plan may also identify areas in which existing developments are inadequate or inappropriate. It may also identify appropriate management and development options consistent with the stated objectives of the plan of management.

"Under no circumstances would the plan of management propose specific development activities. Such matters will be the subject of specific development applications. Likewise, significant work programmes such as noxious plant control, etc, will be developed by reference to the plan of management."

The Society has been nominated by the Tourism Commission to sit on the steering committee which will manage and direct the study. Our appreciation of this position and our support for the Tourism Commission in preparing for a management plan have been expressed in our submission.

CAVES HOUSE CHANGING ITS COLOURS

Following research and investigations into original paint colour schemes used, the repainting of Caves House has begun. The opinion of members at the May meeting was sought after an enquiry from Mr Paul Crombie, General Management of the Tourism Commission. It was agreed that the choice of colour was a matter of aesthetics and to an extent, tradition.

The research done by Public Works indicated the original colours were cream with brown trimming. This colour scheme is the one being applied now. So be prepared when next you visit Jenolan, all will not seem as black and white as on your last visit!!

NOTICE OF MOTION

Notice of motion is given for a museum collection policy to be moved at the Society's meeting in November. The policy, as amended after discussion at the Society's meeting in August, is set out below.

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2.
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 - c. It is recognised that the Reserve is part of a wider 'multicultural society. The Society should not overlook any non-Anglo Saxon aspects relevant to the areas specified in point 2a.
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4. Donations of relevant material from individuals and organisations are to be encouraged. The Society will not guarantee to exhibit any material accepted into the collection.

5. If material is considered to be unusable because it is outside the Society's area of concern or of poorer quality than other similar material also in the collection, the Trustees of the Society may dispose of such material by exchange, by donation to other historical societies or related institutions, or by sale to approved buyers only after it has first been offered to the donor. Any money so obtained is to be used to purchase appropriate material for the collection. The Trustees have no power to dispose of material on loan to the Society.
6. Loans, except for the purpose of temporary exhibitions, are to be discouraged.
7. Collection of objects for the Society's collection may be done by any member of the Society or staff of Jenolan Caves and should be recorded in the Day Book. The actual selection and acceptance of objects can be made only by the Society's committee.
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COLONIAL DANCE

On the 8th of November the Colonial Dance will be held in the Ballroom at Caves House.

Please dress according to the dance title 'Colonial'. If you have any queries as to what is suitable, contact Julia Horne on (02) 357-3357.

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Guests of Caves House will receive a small Historical Society card allowing them to attend the dance, and all members are asked to make a donation to the Society to offset the costs involved. The suggested donation is \$5.00 for each adult.

There will be a prize for the best colonially dressed male and female dancers.

The band providing the music is "Foran's Band", a quite adaptable, well-known local band.

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NEXT MEETING

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING -
Saturday, 14 February, 1987

VENUE: Conference Room, Jenolan Caves

AT 8.30 PM

PROPOSED MEETING DATES FOR 1987/88

(to be confirmed at Annual General Meeting)

Saturday, 9 May, 1987 - Jenolan Caves

Monday, 10 August, 1987 - Sydney

Saturday, 14 November, 1987 - Jenolan

Saturday, 13 February, 1988 - AGM - Jenolan

NOVEMBER MEETING REPORT

Both the Committee and General meetings were well attended despite being held during the day on Saturday, 8 November last.

The main items of business discussed are summarised below:

THE 1988 SESQUI-CENTENARY

On Thursday, 6 November last in Sydney, members of the Society's working party met with the General Manager of the Tourism Commission Mr Paul Crombie and the Manager of Jenolan Caves Resort, Mr Malcolm Bryan.

The working party reported that a very worthwhile discussion took place. The Commission has agreed to look after the commercial aspects of the celebrations. In turn, the Society was asked to submit ideas to be researched for their commercial merit. The Society is still to pursue other non-commercial activities for the year.

Members are once again asked to submit any suggestions you have to the Working Party. Let them decide if your idea is a good one. It is better to be able to select ideas than to have to invent all of them. Send to: JCH&PS WP; c/- Julia Horne; 53 Grosvenor Street; WOOLAHRA 2025.

MUSEUM COLLECTION POLICY

The museum collection policy motion which appeared in the last newsletter was adopted without amendment. It will now be drafted into the Society's Constitution.

MUSEUM OPERATING COSTS

Dimity Short (Treasurer) has compiled a listing of all stock sold at Jenolan through both the Museum and the Guides Office. The listing shows gross turnover and the actual net return has

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yet to be calculated. When this has been done, the true cost of operating the Museum will be known.

JOHN DUNKLEY'S BOOK

The meetings were informed that the Society had written to the Manager at Jenolan seeking an agreement on pre-publication sales for the book. It was agreed that when that matter had been resolved, that the Society would contribute up to \$1,500 towards the cost of publication.

Since the meeting, the Manager has advised that pre-publication sales will not be possible for a number of reasons. However, a system of consignment sales in lots of 200 copies with a \$1 per copy fee to the Commission will be possible.

John Dunkley has now arranged alternative finance for the book so that it can be printed. A print run of 1,000 copies is under way. The Society is still invited to contribute financially. The details of this will have to be the subject of the February meeting.

An order form to obtain your copies of this excellent book is enclosed with this newsletter. Please help the Society to participate in this worthwhile project by purchasing copies for yourself and by seeking sales from interested friends.

COLONIAL COSTUME BALL

The ball was clearly a resounding success. Many Society members and their friends attended as did guests of Caves House who came prepared with costumes. The standard of costume was very high and it was a difficult decision for the judges of the best dressed patrons. Mrs Rosemary Sinclair kindly presented the prizes to the winners. Mrs Sinclair was staying at the Caves and is writing a book on the subject of traditional cooking.

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Raffles were held for prizes donated by Mr Heiron and these made a significant contribution to the cost of the evening. The management and staff at the Caves had made excellent preparations with the layout and decoration of the Ballroom.

On Sunday morning, the Resort bus was made available to convey members and friends to McKeons Valley for a guided walk. Despite some heavy rain, the walk was very enjoyable. Our thanks to Ernie Holland for his assistance in arrangements for the walk.

JENOLAN CAVES RESERVE DRAFT MANAGEMENT PLAN

Society Secretary Michael Chilcott has visited the Tourism Commission to discuss the present state of this matter. He was advised that the proposed Study Brief was being revised in the light of submissions made by various groups including JCH&PS. When the revision is complete, the Steering Committee will be convened to discuss the document before it is released to call tenders for the study. The Society will shortly be asked to nominate a representative to the Steering Committee.

NAMING OF BINDA FLATS

As the Society has had no response from the Office of Mr Cleary on this matter, a formal objection is to be sent to the Geographical Names Board. It was decided to raise with the Board the Society's concern at the lack of proper investigation before names are changed and/or assigned to features within the Reserve and Parish of Jenolan generally.

Local people and the Society should be consulted before any action is taken.

The main issues at present are:

TOP FARM - re-named Binda Flats.

INSPIRATION POINT - re-named Mt Inspiration Lookout

JENOLAN CAVES RESERVE - the name 'Resort' is being used too loosely. The Resort exists within the Reserve and does not replace it.

BINOOMEA RIDGE - this name has been assigned to the ridge down which the Six Foot Track descends to the caves. It is possible that this is not the original name. This will be investigated before we comment.

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1987 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

In accordance with the Constitution, please ensure that nominations for Executive and Committee positions, signed by the nominee and the mover and seconder are with the Secretary before the AGM on 14 February, 1987.

It is also pointed out that the restriction of a three year term does not apply. It has been revealed that the motion to institute that rule was never carried. The fact that this was not picked up at the time of the 1986 AGM demonstrates the importance of having the Constitution up-to-date and available at all times. The fact that several members were affected by the invalid ruling is deeply regretted.

A detailed study of the minutes records is currently being undertaken by the President and Secretary to reveal amendments to the Constitution or other policy matters.

SESQUI-CENTENARY WORKING GROUP

At the last JCH&PS meeting, a working group was established to develop a series of activities for the Society, and in co-operation with the NSW Tourism Commission, to celebrate the sesqui-centenary of the discovery of Jenolan Caves in 1988. (This also happens to be the Bicentennial Year.)

The group comprises:

Julia Horne (Convenor)
Janet Bryant
Scott Melton
Janet Pucci
President or Secretary (ex officio)

The group has met on several occasions and has had preliminary discussions with the General Manager of the Tourism Commission, Mr Paul Crombie, during which the Commission's support for the group's ideas was expressed.

If you have thoughts on appropriate or perhaps novel way by which the Society could celebrate this important event, please forward them to Julia Horne at:

School of History
University of NSW
PO Box 1
KENSINGTON NSW 2033

A full report will be presented from the group at the next JCH&PS meeting. At this stage, the principal activities are envisaged to be two pronged:

1. Two focal weeks of activity, one early and one later in 1988.
2. An on-going display developed jointly by JCH&PS and the Commission.

MEMBERSHIP

The financial year is now ending and thank you to everyone for their continued interest and support for the Society. The half-price concession tickets have been reprinted and are available once again. If a red cross appears in the box, your 1987 membership is due for renewal. Please assist by ensuring that membership fees are paid by the time of the AGM, 14 February, 1987.

The Society would like to welcome the following members:

Miss Susan Kay - Jenolan Caves

Mrs A. Fairweather - Jenolan Caves

HISTORIC POST OFFICE ENVELOPES

On Thursday, 31 May, 1984, the Post Office at Jenolan Caves traded as an official P.O. for the last time. The last envelopes to be cancelled with the distinctive Jenolan Caves postmark were a collection of approximately 30 envelopes for JCH&PS.

The envelopes, which will become collectors' items, have recently been valued by a dealer at approximately \$2.00 and are being made available to JCH&PS members.

Members interested in purchasing these envelopes (max. 3 per member) should express their interest to the President, Stephen Opper (048) 218-3333, or the Secretary, Michael Chilcott (02) 807-4017 before the AGM on 14 February, 1987. Envelopes will be distributed by ballot at the AGM.

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This is not a dry history text, it is a fascinating collection of the stories of Jenolan's visitors during the first 60 years after 'discovery'. The text is supplemented with reproductions of prints from wood engravings used to picture the caves before the advent of photography. They capture the spirit and grandeur of the caves in a way some consider superior to the camera.

BY PURCHASING THIS BOOK YOU ARE DIRECTLY CONTRIBUTING TO THE PRESERVATION OF JENOLAN'S HISTORY

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Reprinted from "Round About the Mountains" Sydney Mail 12 Dec 1896. Contributed by JCH&PS member Jim Smith from Wentworth Falls.

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Mr GP Nicholls	Camperdown
Miss J Kelly	Camperdown
Mr & Mrs B Knox	Seven Hills
Janet Doherty	Elizabeth Bay
Mary Grames	Elizabeth Bay
Hugh Macken	Elizabeth Bay

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Caves Inspections

Guided tours of Elder and Glass Caves will be conducted for JCH&PS members on Saturday 14 November (the day of the next JCH&PS meeting). Any members interested in bruised knees, muddy clothes and lots of fun should meet outside the Guides Office at 11am or 2pm. Each cave will be limited to 10 people.

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Another Whippet of History

Candles and magnesium flaps were replaced by electriclight in 1887; first by battery operation and then by water-powered turbines driving generators - 100 years ago this year.

Jenolan Caves Sesqui-Centenary Celebrations

The Tourism Commission has incorporated some of JCH&PS proposals into its program of events for Jenolan Caves Sesqui-centenary in 1988. The program is reprinted below and we would be interested in learning of your responses to the program.

James Mckeown will open and introduce all activities throughout the year, starting with him introducing the New Year's fireworks and barbeque which is held annually in the Grand Arch. It is proposed that Jeremiah Wilson do personal inspections each programmed weekend at \$20 a head.

Jan 16-17: Fireworks and barbeque in the Grand Arch

Feb 13-14: Caving techniques demonstrated, abseiling, single rope techniques etc, to be held in the Devil's Coachhouse.

March 12-13: Memorabilia weekend - exhibition to be held in Caves House.

April 16-17: A weekend of specialised cave inspections. The inspections would be historically orientated; for example candlelight inspections, old way into the Baal, discovery of Lucas Cave etc.

May 21-22: Two novel means of transport to Jenolan will be offered for arrival at Jenolan on Saturday afternoon: steam train from Sydney to Mount Victoria, then coaches (possibly vintage cars) to Jenolan; six foot track bush walk/camp leaving Katoomba on Thursday. There will be a black tie Dinner and Dance at Caves House with music by a string quartet. On Sunday morning - a musical concert in Lucas Cave.

June 18-19: An introduction of the guides Jeremiah Wilson, Fred Wilson, James Wiburd, Robert Bailey and Jack Edwards. These guides would give a talk about their lives on Saturday afternoon with slides of the caves they discovered. On Sunday, there will be specialised inspections by these guides for up to ten people.

July 16-17: Special black tie Christmas dinner followed the next morning by an interdenominational church service in the Cathedral Cave.

Aug 13-14: Re-enactments of troopers capturing James Mckeown in the Grand Arch, the proclamation and discovery.

Sept 17-18: A series of walks around Jenolan, showing the way in by Mckeown's Valley, relating the history of the caves and Caves House.

Oct 15-16: A weekend of historical cave inspections - Jersey, Alladin, Elder, Red and White Temples, Wilkinson Branch.

Nov 26-27: Transport as for the May weekend but a barbeque and dance in the Grand Arch.

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Please make all personal arrangements early so as to avoid any disappointment at a later date.

The following list of items offered for sale by JCH&PS has been compiled by Robert Lindsay, Assistant Treasurer, and anyone wishing to purchase any of these items may contact Robert at the Guides Office, Jenolan Caves, 2790.

ITEM	PRICE
Badges (JCH&PS)	\$1 00
Postcards (Historical)	
Individual (6)	\$0 50 each
Full set of 6	\$2 50 set
Warren Targett Cassettes	\$10 00

Books

Funnel Web Spider	\$1 50
Mammoth Cave	\$7 00
Northern Limestone	\$7 00
Discover Naracoorte Caves	\$3 00
Cave Diving in Australia	\$7 50
History of the Six Foot Track	\$12 95
Helictite/Cave History	\$7 95

Maps

Trickett Maps of Cave System \$0 50

Touring Maps (CMA) at \$1 00 each, titles available are: Golden West, Snowy/Canberra, Holiday Coast/ New England, North-West Country.

Topographic Maps (CMA) at \$4 00 each, titles available are: Jenolan, Edith, Oberon, Katoomba, Bindook, Mount Wilson, Yerranderie, Bimlow, Hampton, Shooters Hill, Kanangra, Burragorang, Nattai.

Saleable items cont'd

Map of the Colony of NSW Drawn by Sir Thomas Mitchell, 1834 - \$1 50

Map of Discoveries in Australia by J Arrowsmith, 1834 - \$1 50

Plan of the Town of Sydney by James Meehan, 1807-\$1 50

Commemorative Envelopes

Last official day of the Post Office \$2 00 each

Centenary of naming of Jenolan \$2 00 each

John Dunkley's Book \$8 00 ? Please check with Robert before ordering.

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Articles for the Newsletter are invited and encouraged. Material for each edition is due within one calendar month of the previous meeting.

Any members wishing to contribute should forward material to:

Cathie Draheim
157 Simpson Street
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If there's something you want to talk about, telephone 069 473757.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

followed by

GENERAL MEETING

Saturday 20 February 1988

JENOLAN CAVES HOUSE
8 30pm

Please consider your nominations for office bearers in advance of the meeting.

MEETING DATES FOR 1988

Saturday 14 May 1988 - Jenolan Caves

August & November meeting dates will be determined at the AGM.

JCH&PS MEETING REPORT

The third JCH&PS meeting for 1987 was held at Jenolan Caves on Saturday evening, the 14 November. The following points may be of interest to many of you:

- . JCH&PS will reprint 500 copies of "Steam Cleaning of the Orient Cave", which will sell for \$2 each.
- . Two display cases - which will be located in Caves House and exhibit objects from the Society's collection - have been appropriately modified.
- . A motion was carried that due to Jenolan's sesquicentenary next year, the 1988 August JCH&PS meeting, usually conducted in Sydney, be held at Jenolan Caves.
- . The Society received a letter requesting information about Harry Smith, the first Manager of Caves House. Would anyone who has some information about Smith please send it to Julia Horne, who will pass it on to the enquirer.

The meeting spent some time considering and discussing two major matters facing the Society at present.

Draft Plan of Management

As explained in the last newsletter, JCH&PS is represented on the steering committee to choose a consultant to prepare a draft plan of management for Jenolan Caves Reserve and to implement the plan once it emerges. Cameron McNamara, the consultants chosen to prepare such a plan, have been seeking information from groups connected with the Caves. JCH&PS, or specifically, Steve Oppen

(who is now the JCH&PS representative on the steering committee, replacing Michael Chilcott after his swift departure for Switzerland) prepared a detailed report on the areas of concern which JCH&PS have stressed since it first called for a plan of management in 1984. One of the major areas discussed in the submission was the destruction of the natural surface environment by the invasion of exotic weeds. To this end, Steve Opper will accompany a representative from Cameron McNamara on a tour around the Reserve, pointing out the areas where damage has already occurred or is likely to occur in the future.

John Dunkley, who is a subconsultant for Cameron McNamara, addressed the meeting on issues specifically related to the management of the caves in the Reserve. For example, consideration needs to be given to such matters as to what extent "historical" signatures in caves are worthy of protection; whether caves are significant because of their historical or legendary associations; and to what extent is "restoration" appropriate, an example being the suggestion that the stream through the Grand Arch eventually be re-routed down its (apparently) original route through Fritch of Bacon Cave? Those JCH&PS members who spoke felt that "restoration" needs to be considered very carefully in each individual case, to prevent a situation where things are restored to their "original" condition, raising unanswerable questions of what is "original". Given the Caves were once under water, is that what they should be restored to?

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Sue Edwards from the Society suggested that regarding the "historical" signatures, those in public view such as in the Grand Arch should be removed to discourage people writing on the walls but that those "hidden" in caves, where the temptation to "add" to the collection of signatures is much more controlled, should not be removed. She added that whatever the decision, a photographic record of all these signatures should be compiled now.

Once the draft plan of management is complete, it will be displayed for public comment for a period of time. We would encourage all members to think about the issues raised above (and any others) and to forward any ideas to Steve Oppen, 29 Wyatt St, Goulburn, or Julia Horne, 9/3 Onslow Ave, Elizabeth Bay, 2011.

Sesquicentenary of Jenolan Caves

The last newsletter outlined events for next year's sesquicentennial celebrations. Volunteers are being sought to help with some of the activities. For those who did not attend the meeting but who would like to help, please contact Julia Horne. Volunteers are needed to help mount an exhibition for the weekend in March (the exhibition will probably continue throughout the year in the Resource Centre); volunteers are also needed to present themselves as different "historic" guides for cave inspections to be conducted throughout the year.

The meeting concluded with a round of applause for Peter Culley and Steve Opper who during the day had conducted inspections of the Elder and Glass Caves.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBER

Paul Duff - Berowra Heights

May I draw your attention to the fact that we have entered a new financial year of the Society. Your 1987 membership expired on the 31 December 1987, the current year is payable now for 1 January 1988 until 31 December 1988.

Some of us are embarrassed if we ask for money, so please make the job of the executive a little easier and pay before the AGM on 20 February 1988. Unfinancial members are unable to vote or become office bearers at the AGM or any other meeting.

If you are unsure when your membership expires just contact Scott Melton, 02 6220920, 107 Killarney Avenue, Blacktown, 2148.

You are definitely unfinancial if a red cross appears on the back of your newsletter.

Although the following article has nothing to do specifically with Jenolan Caves, it was thought that it may be of general interest to the readers of this newsletter.

It is reprinted from the "TUMUT & ADELONG TIMES", Tuesday, November 10, 1987.

"AROUND THE PARK

HUTS IN KOSCIUSKO NATIONAL PARK
(By Janet Mackay)

Some two hundred huts and homesteads exist within Kosciusko National Park representing a history of stockmen, previous residents, miners, the Snowy Mountains Hydro-electric scheme, skiers and a number of other users.

Management of huts in the park is the responsibility of the NPWS but, to a large extent, the maintenance of the buildings is undertaken by the Kosciusko Huts Association and a series of voluntary caretaker groups.

In this article we would like to tell you a little about the huts and the management problems associated with them. Perhaps we can explain why some are in better condition than others, and dispell the myth that 'hundreds' of huts have been pulled down.

Unlike countries such as New Zealand and Norway, huts within Kosciusko have not been established specifically for the visitor. Rather, most have been built for some other use, to shelter workers constructing roads and dams as part of

the Snowy scheme, or to provide summer homes for the stockmen who brought cattle into the high country for the summer months. The huts and the areas around them today provide, not only a shelter for people walking, skiing, horseriding or driving in the park, but an insight into how the previous owners lived.

Oldfields Hut sheltered under the ranges bounding the ACT and NSW is accessible by foot, horse or in a good year, skis. It provides a classic example of an old stockman's hut. It is easy to relate to the lifestyle of the cattlemen when you spend some time in this area. On the other hand Four Mile hut in the Kiandra area lends itself to imagining life as a goldminer.

With the obvious age of many of the huts, and the severe climatic conditions in which they are located, deterioration of the materials of which they are constructed is a serious threat. To lose these structures would be a loss of part of the culture of the Snowy Mountains.

Through the combined but limited resources of the NPWS, KHA and the caretaker groups many of the huts are receiving the maintenance, and some are being restored. Recent examples of hut restoration works include Oldfields, Cascades and the Tin Mines complex. All these works are guided by management briefs which incorporate guidelines to retain the historic qualities of the particular building.

Historic buildings will not be replicated or copied, as this would suggest the building was original. Where useable materials from the old building remain they may be used in conjunction with the new materials of a similar type. All new materials are recorded as such in the management briefs. Coolamine Homestead is a classic example of such a restoration where existing materials have been supplemented by new timber etc., using the old carpentry skills to ensure similar fabric and construction techniques. In new timbers in those buildings you will find the year of replacement branded into the timber.

The KHA and caretaker groups carry out work on many of the huts, but it is easy for any visitor to assist with the upkeep of any of the huts they visit. Leaving the hut clean and tidy is essential even if the last party left the mess. Any garbage should be taken out, and should you have the time, dig out the excess ash from the fireplace to assist in the efficiency of the hearth. It is critical to ensure that the fire is completely out before you leave as the old buildings are quick to catch alight. If the hut is equipped with a pit toilet, use it. If not, please make sure you dig a hole for the purpose. Firewood should be collected from an area some distance from the hut, and of course, dead timber only. Respect barriers, signs and fences where they are installed, and if you want further information as to why an area may be closed to vehicles, contact any park office. There is always a good reason.

In the past five years five huts have been removed or destroyed in certain circumstances. Fire has been the accidental cause of destruction of a couple of huts, whilst others have been removed for reasons related to the NPWS objectives of conservation. Albina hut is one such example. Located in the fragile alpine area close to Mount Kosciusko, and directly adjacent to the glacial Lake Albina, the pollution associated with the large number of visitors to the hut was severely compromising values of this area. With Seamans hut close by and available for shelter, the decision was taken to remove Albina hut. Decisions such as this are not taken lightly, and involve public consultation.

There is a wealth of history to be learned from the old huts and homesteads of Kosciusko National Park, and much has been written about them. Should you wish to learn more or to assist with the maintenance of any structures, contact your nearest park office for further details."

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NEXT MEETING

14 May 1988

JENOLAN CAVES HOUSE
8 30pm

MEETING DATES FOR 1988

Saturday 13 August 1988 - Jenolan Caves

Saturday 26 November 1988 - Jenolan Caves

It may be of particular interest to some members that these two weekends coincide with the organised activities of the Bicentenary/Sesquicentenary program.

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MORE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 11 February 1989 - Annual General Meeting -
Jenolan Caves
- 13 May 1989 - Jenolan Caves
- 13 August 1989 - Sydney
- 18 November 1989 - Jenolan Caves

These meeting dates were determined at the last meeting of the Society.

REPORT OF JCH&PS MEETING

The Annual General Meeting and an Ordinary Meeting were held on Saturday 20 February, 1988, at Jenolan Caves. Some points worth noting are:

- Mr Heiron, a trustee of the Society, has very generously donated fourteen trays to the Society as a fund raising enterprise. The trays will be raffled on behalf of the Society at Jenolan every month during this year.
- The Society now has three display cases located in Caves House. A working party has been appointed to establish small exhibitions which will be displayed in these cases. Ideas for displays are encouraged - please contact Julia Horne.
- The Society has agreed to participate in a national bicentennial project entitled the Historic Records Search whereby details of significant historical paper records are placed on a public register in the National Library of Australia.

MEETING REPORT cont'd.

An important feature of the project is that the Society does not relinquish control over who has access to any of the Society's items thus registered.

- The Society has agreed to join the Museums Association of Australia, an organisation which helps societies preserve and maintain their historical collections. The Society will also join the Australasian Cave Management Association for a trial period of two years.
- The Tourism Commission of NSW and the State Rail Authority have organised a steam train trip to Jenolan Caves on Sunday 22 May. Please contact the Tourism Commission for further details.

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1987 MEMBERSHIP REPORT

During the year we have had the opportunity to welcome many new faces to our Society. While we thank the "old guard" for its continued support over the years, it is great to see many new and younger faces in our midst. Our membership presently stands at 123. During the year we have welcomed 2 Student Members, 12 Single Members and 5 Family Memberships.

It is disheartening to note that 8 members allowed their membership to lapse at the end of 1986. 1988 is Jenolan's Sesquicentenary and we should all promote our Society during this important year. The only way for our Society to prosper is through the continued support of its members.

THE 1988 COMMITTEE

President	Julia Horne
Vice Presidents	Steve Opper Doug Short
Secretary	Scott Melton
Assistant Secretary	Derek Elmes
Treasurer	Dimity Short
Assistant Treasurer	Robert Lindsay
Membership Secretary	Hardy Draheim
Research Officer	Janet Pucci
Curators	Ernst Holland Sherrie-Lee Evans
Committee Members	Sean O'Gorman-St Walburg Maureen Sullivan Cathie Draheim Chris Pavich Sandra Heaney Barry Richard Phil McGuire
Patron	Mr Harold Coates OBE
Trustees	Mr W Heiron Janet Bryant John Culley
NSW Tourism Commission Representative	Malcolm Bryan

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Perhaps the most significant occurrence over the past year has been the way in which work on the Plan of Management for Jenolan Caves has moved so swiftly. It has been very pleasing to feel that groups such as JCH&PS and others with particular concerns about the

PRESIDENT'S REPORT cont'd

protection of the area have thus far been given ample opportunity to voice their concern - and that indeed these concerns have mostly been reflected in the Draft Plan. I would especially like to thank Michael Chilcott and Steven Opper for representing the Society's concerns so productively.

Another ever pressing concern over the past few years has been the Society's collection and how it should be presented. Dreams of a new, impressive, environmentally sound, properly staffed museum have not yet come to pass, but permission has been granted to mount small historical displays in Caves House itself. An important role of these displays would be to promote publicly the Society as well as to use the collection as a means of understanding Jenolan itself. I would like to thank Steve Opper for his work in preparing the display cases, Malcolm Bryan for his general encouragement of the Society's historical activities as well as specifically allowing the Society to install the display cases in Caves House and Ern Hollan for keeping a watchful eye over the physical state of the collection.

The Society is also concerned with providing means for its members to enjoy the area in special ways, such as dances, exploring 'non-tourist' caves and so forth. The caving weekend last November was - from a personal point of view at any rate - an especially enjoyable weekend while also encouraging new members to join and support the Society. I would like to thank Peter Culley and Steve Opper for providing their caving expertise

President's Report cont'd

and hope that such trips will continue.

And finally I would like to thank the Society's membership generally and the Society's Secretary Philip McGuire and Assistant Secretary Derek Elmes specifically for their support during my Presidency,

Julia Horne, 1987 President.

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Proposed Program for 22 & 23 October, 1988

Saturday

October 22	10 00	Jersey Cave
	11 00	Alladin Cave - Min.12yrs
	2 30	Alladin Cave - Min.12yrs
	3 00	Elder Cave
	3 30	Red Temples
	4 00	Wilkinson Branch

Sunday

October 23	9 00	Jersey Cave
	10 00	Alladin Cave - Min.12yrs
	10 30	Elder Cave
	11 00	Red Temples
	1 00	Jersey Cave
	1 30	Alladin Cave - Min.12yrs
	2 30	Wilkinson Branch
	3 00	Nettle Cave - with Senior Guide

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All groups would be of ten persons and on top of normal program.

It would be of assistance if participants could supply own lights.

Ernst Holland
Senior Guide

Thanks to Ernie for supplying the above information for publication in the Newsletter.

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PROPOSED BICENTENARY/SESQUICENTENARY PROGRAM

Right through all monthly events conducted at Jenolan James McKeown will open and introduce all activities.

It is proposed that no programmed weekend will coincide with a public holiday and that free accommodation be offered to up to ten participants involved on the weekend that each activity is carried out. Such accommodation would be in Staff Quarters.

It is proposed that Jeremiah Wilson do personal inspections each programmed weekend at \$20 a head. Special tickets would be issued for these inspections.

APRIL 16 - 17 A weekend of specialised cave inspections for adults and children. The inspections would be historically oriented, eg candlelight inspections, old way into the Baal, discovery of Lucas Cave, etc.

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JUNE 18 - 19 The introduction of guides Jeremiah Wilson, Fred Wilson, James Wiburd, Robert Bailey and Jack Edwards. These guides would give a talk about their lives on Saturday afternoon with slides of the caves they discovered. The next day visitors could purchase autographed tickets at \$20 each for specialised inspections by the above for up to ten persons.

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Right throughout the entire year there will be a Centenary Exhibition in the Resource Centre. Enquiries should be directed to the Tourism Commission of NSW. Please make all personal arrangements early so as to avoid disappointment at a later date.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT, APRIL 1988

Hi, I am the new Membership Secretary. All the Address Labels have been printed on a computer and the top right-hand corner of the label shows your financial status. The abbreviations are as follows:

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H-Honorary Member	membership	or S -Student
F-Family	is paid	(number indicates
S-Student	until	how many, eg
P-Pensioner	31/12/88	SS-2 students)

Please let me know of any mistakes in membership status or your name and address.

As at 31 March we have 161 members in the Society, of whom 39 members are unfinancial for 1988. We have 23 memberships overdue from 1987 and before and these people will be invited to rejoin the Society.



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NEXT MEETING

13 August 1988

Jenolan Caves House

8 30 pm

General Meeting

followed by

a brief slide show by Scott Melton
on his recent trip to caves in the United States

Activities throughout the weekend in accordance
with the Bicentenary/Sesquicentenary Program

MEETING DATES FOR 1988/89

26 November 1988 - Jenolan Caves

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18 November 1989 - Jenolan Caves

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REPORT FROM THE MEETING HELD AT JENOLAN CAVES
14 MAY 1988

The following issues were raised at the meeting:

*Thanks were expressed to Janet and Julius Pucci, Scott Melton and Greg Dalley for organising the JCH&PS section of the memorabilia weekend held at Caves House in March this year.

*Scott Melton has offered to provide a brief slide show on his recent trip to caves in the United States at the Society's meeting in August.

*Several display cases have been placed in Caves House. Some of the suggestions for displays include a History of Lighting at the Caves, Staff at Jenolan, Transportation, Touring Caves, Food at Caves House, Jenolan as a Tourist Resort. We welcome any further suggestions or comments about displaying the history of Jenolan Caves.

The meeting considered guest speakers who could be invited to speak at JCH&PS meetings. Suggestions made included a representative from Oberon Historical Society, the Australian Railway Historical Society (NSW) and the Powerhouse Museum. Again we would appreciate any other suggestions or comments regarding possible guest speakers.

The Society is organising a Colonial Dance for the November meeting. We are still looking for a bush band to play on this night and would appreciate anyone who may know of one willing to play at this dance to contact us. Tickets will be \$5 per couple or \$7 50 per family.

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JENOLAN CAVES PLAN OF MANAGEMENT

Members may have been wondering if the Jenolan Plan of Management had been lost and forgotten? Well! the answer is, not quite.

It had been hoped that the change of government in N.S.W. would not delay the release of the plan. It is not clear that it has but certain administrative interests within the Tourism Commission, coupled with the change of government, appear to be the cause of the delay.

The first draft was circulated to members of the steering committee about the 10th of March last. The format had been revised by Cameron McNamara. The plan now appears as three (3) separate documents in two (2) volumes.

Volume one, comprises the "Draft Plan" and a separate "Appendix" of "management action points".

The Draft Plan contains the results of all studies made of the area and issues, together with major recommendations on future management strategies and guidelines.

The Appendix lists under fourteen (14) headings, a series of specific actions which are recommended to address the problems identified by various studies. The actions are priority listed and costings are estimated.

Volume two contains the full details of "specialist papers". This document represents a substantial data base on the whole of Jenolan Caves Reserve. In particular, as the concept of 'limits of acceptable change' is implemented, the study papers will provide the benchmark for determining rates of change or the starting point for additional studies to establish such benchmarks.

Summary of results so far

Overall the Draft Plan addresses the major concerns expressed by JCHPS over recent years. The magnitude of the problem of deterioration of the natural vegetation and historic landscaping was clearly established. The magnitude of the required restoration is equally clear.

One of the most contentious issues to surface in the Draft Plan is that of future administration of the area. Some recommendations are made in the draft. These range from the present system of full Public Management through to full Private Management. Note however, that the caves and reserve are not included in private options.

During the course of steering committee meetings, JCHPS, National Trust and local management argued for the retention of full Public Management as a matter of historical integrity and continuity.

It is unfortunately clear that in the present climate of government policy, such arguments hold little sway.

Architectural Study - a valuable spin-off from the planning process has been the production of an architectural study by Bob Moore. This was done as a separate contract let by Public Works.

Bob Moore's report is arguably the most significant historical project ever undertaken about Jenolan's built environment. The report contains a complete chronology of construction at Jenolan. Mr. Moore has even researched the personal history of the relevant architects and explains how this influenced the style of what was built at Jenolan.

A collection of maps, plans and photographs details the visual changes and layouts of past years.

What next? - the plan was to be exhibited in April/May last. No further details have been made available. Cameron McNamara has handed over all documents as required by their contract. The ball is now clearly in the hands of the N.S.W. Government and the relevant Ministers.

The Draft Plan contains over 100 pages of text and 13 pages of maps and figures. It will not be possible to casually flick through it and review the proposals.

This Society has participated in the planning process since its' inception. It is fair to say that we have reviewed the documents to a very great extent. Individuals may have opinions about aspects of the plan but logistically, it is not possible to reconcile such matters through normal Society procedures.

If and when the plan is exhibited, it may be possible to provide more detail to members about potentially contentious issues. It is unlikely that the Society will produce a detailed review of the plan for submission to the relevant Government Department.

The Society's work really begins when the plan is adopted. Then it will be necessary to monitor implementation. This should give members plenty to do for about the next 10-20 years!

Stephen Opper
Steering Committee
representative for JCHPS

MEMBERSHIP REPORT JUNE 1988 - Hardy Draheim

In the April Newsletter we had two membership reports - the 1987 Membership Report as presented by Scott Melton to the Annual General Meeting of the Society in February, and the April 1988 Membership Report from me.

I reported that we had 161 members of whom 39 were unfinancial, resulting in only 122 financial members.

At the end of June we have 149 financial members and all unfinancial members for 1988 have been removed from the mailing list. The 23 lapsed memberships from 1987 and before were invited to rejoin the Society, however the result was a dismal failure - only one rejoined.

For me to send a lapsed member a newsletter it costs the Society approx. \$1 00. Just a letter alone will now cost \$0 39 plus an envelope - clearly this way of winning new members is hardly cost efficient.

Imagine if every financial member asks a friend and gets him or her to join. There are no costs to the Society and that is the way to increase our membership.
Please, give it a go ! ! ! ! !

Welcome to our new members

Christopher M Murray - Bellingham

Sandra Bartlett - Hartley Vale (rejoined)

W A N T E D The addresses of: Tom and Margaret Fiebig;
Marilyn J Kelly; Sandra Martyn.

Proposed program for 22 & 23 October, 1988

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All groups would be of ten persons and on top of normal program.
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The Management Plan is now on display at Jenolan Caves, in Sydney at the Tourist Commission, the Lands Office, and at the Lands Office in Orange.

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October 1988

NEXT MEETING

26 November 1988

Jenolan Caves House

2 00 pm

General Meeting

Colonial Dance with the Limestone Flat Pickers in the
Ballroom, Caves House.

Tickets will be \$5 per couple or \$7 50 per family

People are welcome to come in colonial costumes.

MEETING DATES FOR 1988/89

11 February 1989 - Guest Speaker - Alan Brown, Oberon &
District Historical Society
- Annual General Meeting - Jenolan Caves

13 May 1989 - Jenolan Caves

12 August 1989 - Jenolan Caves

11 November 1989 - Jenolan Caves

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REPORT FROM THE MEETING HELD AT JENOLAN CAVES
13 AUGUST 1988

The following issues were raised at the meeting:

*PLAN OF MANAGEMENT - the Society will do a submission on areas we specifically made reference to originally, ie vegetation and weeds management. Those essentially out of our consideration, eg Karst Management, should be referred to by other groups.

*MEETING DATES & VENUE - if anyone wishes to propose a meeting in Sydney or elsewhere it would be of assistance to suggest a suitable likely venue and an activity or Guest Speaker for member information or social contact.

*ITEMS OF HISTORICAL VALUE IN CAVES HOUSE - following the calling of tenders for the leasing of Caves House it was proposed that the Society catalogue items of furniture and works of art of historical interest/value, maybe we could ask the Museum's Association for advice/help.

*POST OFFICE - while the original Post Office building is occupied by JCH&PS the title is actually held by the Department. Would the Society be required to lease this land with some facilities of the Reserve being leased by

private enterprise? The Society should write to the Tourism Commission and to the Premier with regard to these matters in particular.

*COLONIAL DANCE - the Society is organising a Colonial Dance for the November meeting. Tickets will be \$5 per couple or \$7 50 per family.

PROPOSED BICENTENARY/SESQUICENTENARY PROGRAM

OCTOBER 22-23 A weekend of historical cave inspections - Jersey, Aladdin, Elder, Red Temple, Wilkinson Branch, Nettle Cave. Guides could be McKeown, Whalan, etc.

NOVEMBER 26-27 Colonial Dance with a Bush Band in the Ballroom, Caves House.

DECEMBER 17-18 A weekend of speleological history throughout the world with continuous slide shows in the Conference Centre, equipment displays in the Bus Parking Zone and children's participation exercises in the Devil's Coachhouse. To be organised by speleological societies and guides.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT SEPTEMBER 1988 - Hardy Draheim

THE CURRENT MEMBERSHIP STATUS IS:

TOTAL 160, FAMILY 69, ORDINARY 66, HONORARY 4,
STUDENT 20, PENSIONER 1, UNFINANCIAL 0.

At the end of September 1988 we had a total of 160 members which is an increase of 11 over the end of June figure.

Thank's a lot for letting me know of Marilyn J Kelly's, Sandra Martyn's and Margaret & Tom Fiebig's new/correct addresses.

At the July 1988 meeting I suggested that I will make available to interested persons the names, addresses and phone numbers of our members as far as I have them. I suggest a donation of \$ 3,- payable to JCHAPS provided your copy can wait to be mailed together with the next newsletter. If you want the copy faster than that send \$ 4.00 to cover for postage. Phone numbers are only few and far between and it might be an idea (if you want) to let me know of your phone number with the order. I will include it then before it is printed and we should have a pretty good membership list ready for distribution together with the January 1989 Newsletter.

W A N T E D W A N T E D W A N T E D W A N T E D
The addresses of:

- Michelle Sarton last known at 4 Coral Place, North Richmond
- Henry Shannon last known at Kooroora Lodge, RDE 310, Paper Beach TASMANIA

1989 SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE NOW DUE

Please check your address label: any with #88 should be paid before the end of 1988.

Welcome to our new members

- Sybil & Ross Beattie - Carlingford with Jane, Stephanie and Prudence
- Pauline & Ian Forster - Northbridge
- Debbie Connolly (rejoined)
- Gwen & Alan Fairweather (rejoined)
- Richard Guy (rejoined)
- Miss E and Mrs V Osburg (rejoined)

A special thank you goes to our Patron, Mr Harold Coates OBE who donated the 1988 membership to the Society.

Extracted from:

Jenolan Caves Reserve:
Conservation Plan (Built Environment)
by Robert Moore, 1987
for NSW Department of Public Works

3.2.2 Thematic Summary

The history and material culture of Jenolan caves thus illustrate a series of interconnected themes which indicate the present day historical and cultural significance of the site.

Theme 1: Perennial Nostalgia

The buildings comprising Caves House itself are rich expressions of the late nineteenth and early twentieth century rejection of the city and city life by the middle and upper-classes. This resulted in the embracing of the romantic pastoral ideal of the innate goodness of nature and country life, the championing of the morally-uplifting "strenuous life", together with a yearning for the rustic simplicity and picturesque homeliness of Old England. Jenolan Caves offered sublime and inspiring landscapes, caves seemingly fashioned by the hand of the Almighty, and a revitalising retreat from the ills and evils of the city. WL Vernon's traditional English-style buildings were skilfully designed to fit the picture, for they instantly conveyed the picturesque air of age-old solidity and respectability their patrons sought. Later additions by George McCrae were modified to suit new demands, but still successfully carried through these original themes. The powerful appeal of romantic nostalgia accounted for the homogeneity of the buildings designed between 1898 and 1928.

The current revival of all things old and charming, and the consequent popularity of old-style guest-houses might be seen in a similar sense as a reaction against modern city life with its increasing complexity and anonymity: In view of the history and origin of Caves House, its new popularity is in a way nostalgia for nostalgia itself.

Theme 2: Reflections of Social Structure

The history and material culture of Caves House and its associated buildings show something of the much more strictly delineated class structure of the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. The type of people who visited the caves from the early period were wealthy, educated and leisured people from Sydney or on world tours from England. The billiards room, smoking room, trout hatchery are particularly good indications of the type of guests for whom the resort was designed originally, and reflect the government's commitment to catering for the well-to-do in what was considered a proper manner. Contrasts between the size, materials, location and details of accommodation provided for guests on one hand and staff and servants on the other are also pronounced. The 1914 and 1923 wings represent the erosion of the resort's early elite function and image. The built environment to some extent also records the gradual popularization and eventual mass-appeal of the caves from 1920 to the 1980s, with its new modes of accommodation, roads, car parks, kiosks, toilets, picnic and barbeque areas, and so on.

Theme 3: Interaction of Natural and Cultural Environments
This theme will appear in a future newsletter.

Thanks to Steve Opper for making this material available for reprinting in the newsletter.

COMMEMORATIVE PLATES

Jenolan Caves are receiving within the next month a limited edition of 200 individually numbered plates to commemorate the Sesqui Centenary of Jenolan. They are made of fine bone china and are 23 cm in diameter. The cost of these will be at a discount price of \$ 34.00 to Jenolan Staff and Historical Society Members. Members can order these by calling or writing to:

Robert Milne

063 593304

c/- Kiosk

PO Box 200, NEW 2700

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Those wishing to purchase the November dance tickets in advance may do so by sending your money and numbers to Julia Horne, c/-School of History, University of NSW, PO Box 1, KENSINGTON NSW 2033

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NEXT MEETING

11 February 1989

Jenolan Caves House

8 30 pm

Guest Speaker - Alan Brown, Oberon
& District Historical Society

followed by the General Meeting
then the Annual General Meeting

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MEETING DATES FOR 1989

13 May 1989 - Jenolan Caves

12 August 1989 - Jenolan Caves

11 November 1989 - Jenolan Caves

COLONIAL DANCE

The Colonial Dance held in November was attended by society members and Guests of Caves House. Many of the Guests dressed in period costume to add to the atmosphere of the occasion and several were well rewarded for their efforts when they were awarded the best dressed male and female costumes. The younger children each received recognition for dressing up and others were surprised at receiving a prize for the 1980's look.

Thankyou to the Management and Staff of Caves House and the Society Members involved in the organisation for making it enjoyable for all.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Consideration should be given in advance for the Society's Committee for 1989.

The positions are: President; Vice Presidents (2); Secretary; Assistant Secretary; Treasurer; Assistant Treasurer; Membership Secretary; Research Officer; Curators (2); Committee Members (Min. 6, including Newsletter Editor and other helpers as required); and the endorsement of our Patron, Trustees (3), and Tourism Commission Representative.

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS

As some members are already aware, Hardy and I are moving to South Australia in the New Year, our address as of the 17 January 1989 is:

17 Lemana Court, MT GAMBIER SA 5290

Membership Subscriptions and Newsletter Material may be forwarded to us at this address, at least until the February AGM, thanks, Cathie Draheim.

The closing date for the next newsletter is the 13 March 1989.

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MEMBERSHIP - Thankyou to those who have paid their 1989 subscriptions and congratulations to those members who realise the value in receiving 5 years membership for the price of only 4 years, Hardy.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Josie Ryan - Wollstonecraft

Digby & Lucy McGrath - Berowra Heights

Simon Murray - Jenolan Caves

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The 8th Australasian Conference On Cave and Karst Management is to be held at Punakaiki, New Zealand, 10-14 April 1989.

The theme of the Eighth Conference will be centred around commercial adventure caving in National Parks and undeveloped caves. It will also feature the most recent Karst and Hydrology research in the Paparoa National Park.

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From the December Australasian Cave Management Association Newsletter, the verbal comment on a cartoon "Look mate, if GOD had wanted all these CAVES to be saved, how come He invented CEMENT?" My comment, "GOD didn't invent cement, man did!" Ed.

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NEXT MEETING

13 May 1989

Jenolan Caves House

8 30 pm

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MEETING DATES FOR 1989/90

12 August 1989 - Jenolan Caves

11 November 1989 - to be confirmed at the
May meeting

10 February 1990 - Annual General Meeting -
Jenolan Caves

12 May 1990 - Jenolan Caves

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APRIL 1989

WORKING BEE

All persons interested in attending a Working Bee to clean and inspect the Old Post Office Building are welcome at Jenolan on Saturday, 13 May 1989, commencing at 10 00 am. Please bring anything you might consider helpful, eg old rags, buckets, brooms, etc.

Afterwards we will be having an "End of an Era" Dinner at Caves House, prior to the General Meeting. It is requested that members arrive at the Dining Room at 6 15 pm to enable orders to be taken at 6 30 pm.

The General Meeting will follow at 8 30 pm punctually.

Could all people interested in attending either the Working Bee or Dinner, please advise Scott Melton (Secretary) on 02 6220920 or by writing at 107 Killarney Avenue BLACKTOWN NSW 2148 by 8 May 1989 to enable arrangements to be made with Caves House.

We look forward to seeing you all there, Scott.

Mr Heiron would welcome any visitors who could call in at 1 Second Ave, Eastwood. He has been unable to attend many meetings lately due to ill health. We send best wishes from the Society for your return to good health, Mr Heiron, and hope to see you at a meeting again as soon as possible.

Presidents Report

1988 has been a year of exhaustion. It has also been the year of Jenolan Caves' sesquicentenary and the year significant plans have been laid by the government to lease Caves House to a private organisation.

Whereas by the end of 1987, it seemed as if the long sought after Plan of Management for Jenolan Caves was in its final stages before it would be implemented, by the end of 1988, disappointingly, it was still in those final stages with its inaugural day not yet marked on a calendar. Steven Opper has been the Society's representative on the advisory committee for the Plan of Management and I wish to thank Steve for his continuing patience and commitment in representing the Society's concerns.

When the Tourism Commission ceases to run Caves House, the Society's long-standing relationship with the present management will also come to an end and the Society will need to establish a new relationship with the in-coming management. Of course this could prove to be tricky but a mutually productive relationship is essential for the development and possibly even the survival of the Society. While mentioning the need for a good working relationship with the new management I think it is equally as important to maintain the Society's independence which is needed to help preserve the historical and natural environments of Jenolan Caves.

On a lighter matter, the sesquicentennial celebrations were undoubtedly a success. I would like to thank Ernst Holland for encouraging the Society to include its celebratory events in the Tourism Commission's

Presidents Report (continued)

sesquicentenary program. A special round of thanks must also go to all the Society's members who helped with the memorabilia weekend in March, the cave guiding on various weekends and the Colonial Dance in November.

But my final round of thanks must be for those who have helped me during my presidency: Scott Melton for his efficient secretarial duties; Dimity Short and Robert Lindsay for their terrific treasury skills and not least; the rest of the committee for their advice and general support. I shall not be standing for the position of President in 1989 but I do offer a warm welcome to the incoming committee.

Many thanks,
Julia Horne
President, JCH&PS, 1988/89

FEE INCREASES

As membership fees have not been increased since the Society's inception in 1972 it was decided to discuss such a necessity at the 1989 Annual General Meeting. The following was the outcome:

MOTION - That fees be increased in the following manner -

Single	£10-	
Family	£10-	(2 adults) then £3- for each additional member at home add.
Student	£4-	

Fee Increases (continued)

The Five Year Membership remains at FOUR times the Annual Membership rate. These fees will take effect as membership falls due. The appropriate alteration to Membership Forms will be effected.

Moved - Steven Opper
Seconded - Janet Pucci

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Judy Passlow - Cremorne
Jenny Passlow - Cremorne
Rodney Baptist - Galston
Paul & Louise Stenhouse - Ashfield
George Nixon - Upper Manilla
Joan Ripps - Eastwood
Geoff Simpson & Family - Emu Plains
Lyndall Dalley - Yowie Bay (rejoined)

W A N T E D , information on James Cummings please. George Nixon is researching his family tree and is related to him. James Cummings was married to Jeremiah Wilson's daughter, Margaret. Cummings worked on the installation of electricity at Jenolan. The Six Foot Track pamphlet claims that Cummings assisted Cracknell in 1880 when the first lights were experimented with. George has found that he was born in 1868, which would have made him only 12 years old. Please contact George at "The Pines", Upper Manilla, NSW, 2346, or phone 067 856506.

1989 COMMITTEE

President - Sandra Heaney

Vice Presidents - Steve Opper & Doug Short

Secretary - Scott Melton

Ass. Secretary - Derek Elmes

Treasurer - Dimity Short

Ass. Treasurer - Richard Guy

Membership Secretary - Hardy Draheim

Research Officer - Janet Pucci

Curators - Julia Horne & Robert Lindsay

Committee Members - Phil McGuire

Maureen Sullivan Peter Culley

Sean O'Gorman St Walburg Amanda Copas

Cathie Draheim (Newsletter Editor)

Robert Lindsay (Ass. Research Officer)

Patron - Mr Harold Coates OBE

Trustees - Janet McFarlane

John Culley

Mr Walter Heiron

Departmental Representative - the current rep. is the Manager of Caves House. At the August Meeting a rep. from the new Lessee will be chosen.

Congratulations to the above officers on being chosen to lead JCH&PS through the coming year.

Thankyou to those people who have sent articles for the newsletter, they will be used in future newsletters, Cathie.

Taken from Geeves, Sydney Morning Herald,
4 August 1983, supplied by George Nixon.

'It will surprise no-one to learn that vandals were active in colonial times. Jenolan Caves was one of their favourite haunts. And among the most ardent vandals was a Member of the NSW Parliament, John Lucas, for whom the Lucas Cave was named. After complaining the "visitors are so mischievous as wantonly to destroy these beautiful works of nature," Lucas and his party entered one cave by means of a rope and "brought up some very pretty stalactites." Lucas himself "brought back to Sydney some hundred specimens of the caves, some being four feet long." A Herald reporter was invited to Lucas's office to see the parliamentarian's limestone souvenirs: "Some of these are portions of the slender stems that are gradually formed, like icicles, from the roofs of the caves. Others which are broken off the massive stalactites resemble in shape large shells or knobs, the surface consisting of sparkling crystals." When H.H. Stephenson's English cricketers visited Bathurst in 1862, they were presented with "several unique specimens of stalactite formations...with which they were highly delighted."

The closing date for the next newsletter is the 12 June 1989, any material or suggestions should be forwarded to

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July ¹⁹⁸⁹~~1988~~

NEXT MEETING

12 August 1988

Jenolan Caves House

8 30 pm

General Meeting

Future Guest Speakers:

August Meeting - Scott Melton on Mammoth Cave, USA
November Meeting - Keith Watson

Other people suggested at the last meeting include
Alan Brown, Ron Newbould and Basil Ralston

MEETING DATES FOR 1989/90

- 11 November 1989 - Jenolan Caves - Guest Speaker,
Keith Watson
- 10 February 1990 - Annual General Meeting -
Jenolan Caves
- 12 May 1990 - Jenolan Caves

REPORT FROM THE MEETING HELD AT JENOLAN
CAVES 13 MAY 1989

The following issues were raised at the meeting:

*WORKING BEE - completed successfully. It was suggested we write to the Lands Department requesting a place to erect the old Post Office, Museum, possibly on the original site.

Other suggestions include the Heritage Commission or the Post Office Historical Branch.

*FUTURE PROJECTS SUGGESTED -

.clean up the creek from the Grand Arch to the Blue Lake

.clean the Leffel Wheel

.clean up part of the embankment below the Lucas Balcony

.clean the creek from the Grand Arch to the Resource Centre

.clean the track to the seismograph

EDITOR'S PERSONAL NOTE - to clean the Leffel Wheel and the seismograph track are worthy of JCHAPS attention, I believe the others are the responsibility of Jenolan Caves maintenance, or lack of it, and should be approached with due co-operation from both sides

*INSURANCE - Phil McGuire is to organise

*DONATION - Sean O'Gorman-St Walburg donated a photo of Miss Chisholm - a past Dining Room Supervisor - to the Society

*MUSEUM ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA PROJECT

The MAA is to send a person up to Jenolan to teach members how to produce and prepare a professional display.

After supper, a talk was given by Ron Newbould on the life of Wiburd.

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Greg Middleton would like any members who have information on Oliver Trickett to write to him at PO Box 269, Sandy Bay, Tasmania, 7005

Greg is writing a book on Oliver Trickett and the Society agreed to have its name recorded in the book and that it would sell copies for a donation of \$1 00 or 10% if the purchase price is less than \$10 00 per copy.

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The historical map of Oberon and districts was restored at a cost of \$160 00, which was about half the original estimate.

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The Society is to purchase a postcard of The Mystery from the Shoalhaven Historical Society for \$2 50.

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Please accept my apologies for this newsletter being late.

The closing date of the newsletter is such as to provide adequate preparation time for the Editor. It is very difficult to prepare the Newsletter without information, on time, from the meeting.

Of the month's preparation time only the first week was available to work on the Newsletter but I did not have the meeting material around which it is based.

This is my fourth year as Newsletter Editor and it is time for someone else to take on this task in the next year of the Society, please think about it.

Thankyou for your understanding, Cathie.

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Thanks to Ron Newbould for your talk on James Wiburd at the May meeting.

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Mr Heiron and June thank everyone for the flowers and card we sent during his recent illness.

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There is to be a general clean-up of the creek from the Resource Centre to the Blue Lake, including part of the embankment below the Lucas Cave Balcony. This is to be held on Sunday 12 February 1990.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT 31 MARCH 1989

Our Bank Balance as at 31 March 1989	170 68
Add: Building Society Account	1 792 28
Balance as at 31 March 1989	\$1 962 96

Thanks to Robert Lindsay for this article from the
Lithgow Mercury, 1916

NEW CAVE AT JENOLAN

ADDITIONS AND NEW ARRANGEMENTS AT CAVES HOUSE

The palatial three-storeyed addition to the Caves House at Jenolan is rapidly nearing completion, and certain of the rooms, including the commodious billiard room, will be available for use at Easter. The additional accommodation which will be provided when the premises are complete will comfortably house 100 guests. The dining room is of handsome proportions, and chaste design. The present lease of existing premises runs out on June 30, and from the day of its expiry the Caves House - then complete in every detail - will be conducted by the Immigration and Tourist Bureau.

The Public Service Board (Messrs. Hanna, Wilshire, and Taylor) spent March 30 at the Caves, with Mr Palmer, of the Tourist Bureau, when certain matters incidental to the equipment and staffing of the Caves House were dealt with. During the afternoon the board were shown through the recently-discovered Orient Cave, which is by experts accorded pride of place for romantic grandeur and weird splendor amongst the mystic subterranean crystal palaces of the world's limestone caverns. This marvellous cave, which is really a series of vaulted chambers, each possessing a variety of distinctive features of unparallelled beauty, will shortly be opened to the public.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT JUNE 1989

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS:

JOAN A LAWSON, LAKEMBA
SUZANNE WILLIAMS, BANKSTOWN
J C & H F DEARING, BUDGEWOI
CASSIE DYBALL, ROSEBAY
TROY MAGENNIS, MERRYLANDS
JOHN BROWN (REJOINED)

I AM TRYING TO FIND SOME LOST MEMBERS. THEY WERE
LAST KNOWN AT:

MARK SHAND, 283 GLEBE POINT RD, GLEBE NSW 2037
PETER JEWKES, 1/19 SPRUSON ST, NEUTRAL BAY NSW
2089

MICHELLE SARTON, 4 CORAL PLACE, NORTH RICHMOND NSW
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AS MOST OF YOU ARE AWARE I HAVE MOVED TO SOUTH
AUSTRALIA EARLY THIS YEAR. I DON'T INTEND TO
CONTINUE AS MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY BEYOND THIS TERM
OF OFFICE SO COULD YOU PLEASE GIVE SOME THOUGHTS
AS TO NOMINATIONS FOR NEXT YEAR.

THE RECORDS ARE ON A PC USING LOTUS/QUATTRO, IF THAT IS OF ANY HELP, AND ON A CARD SYSTEM.

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HARDY E DRAHEIM

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

Barry Richard - Search & Rescue Award, for being called out the most times in a 12 month period

Ken Buckley - Given a Toy Telephone, being the first guide to water test his new pocket phone

Adrian & Natalie - The Barbie Department Award, for impeccable dress

John Callaghan - The Clean Boots Award, a large tin of brown boot polish

Steve McClean - The Linguistic Award, he was caught showing a cave to some American tourists and he was using an American accent

Phil McGuire - 3rd Annual Mafeking Avoidance Award

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October 1989

NEXT MEETING

11 November 1989

Jenolan Caves House

8 30 pm

General Meeting

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Keith Watson will present a talk
at this meeting on Jenolan in general

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Various methods of fundraising were discussed at the last meeting and the general consensus was that "World's Finest Chocolates" would be the best method. Amanda Copas agreed to follow up ordering, etc.

MEETING DATES FOR 1990

10 February 1990 - Annual General Meeting -
Jenolan Caves

12 May 1990 - Jenolan Caves

BUSINESS FROM THE MEETING HELD AT JENOLAN
CAVES, 12 AUGUST 1989

*LEASING - Richard Guy informed the meeting that the Peppers Group is not proceeding with its proposed lease of Caves House. Preliminary drilling has located some caves behind Caves House and this, together with the discovery of a fault line in the vicinity, had caused Peppers' costs to escalate some \$8M. It appears that it will be a couple of years before anything new is formulated.

*HISTORICAL SHOWCASE - Janet MacFarlane has followed up the matter of ownership of the cave with the Tourism Department to a satisfactory conclusion.

*RELOCATION OF OLD POST OFFICE - As the Peppers lease is not currently proceeding, the future of the Post Office is not as shaky as it was three months ago. The question of its relocation will be addressed at a later date if any new lease proposals are formulated.

*FUTURE SPEAKERS - Keith Watson will present a talk at the November meeting on Jenolan in general. Sandra Bartlett mentioned that she might be able to arrange a Mr James McKeown to speak at the meeting. Mr McKeown is a direct descendant of the original James McKeown.

*INSURANCE - Phil McGuire has organised insurance for the Society.

*FUTURE PROJECT - On the 11 February next year (Sunday) there will be a "clean-up" of the Leffel Wheel area as well as the area below the Lucas Balcony. All interested persons are welcome to attend and bring anything they may consider helpful. This is the day after the next AGM.

*SURVEY - Scott Melton informed the meeting that he has received about 30 survey replies. The majority of people who responded are happy to have all four meetings at Jenolan, however many would like to have more social events, particularly cave inspections and bushwalks. Perhaps at the next meeting someone could be elected Activities Officer to organise various events during the year. Ed. Note - this could be taken on by an existing Committee Member or it could be anyone else interested and then nominated as an additional Committee Member.

*MEN OF JENOLAN BOOK - Robert Lindsay informed the meeting about a letter he had received from "Three Sisters Publishing" requesting a loan to help with the publication of Basil Ralston's book. The Committee meeting agreed to advance \$500.00, providing publication of the book proceeded. Robert will get in touch with Basil regarding the proposal.

*BOARD OF TRUSTEES - Scott Melton read to the meeting the contents of a letter he wrote to the Minister of Lands regarding the election of a JCH&PS member to the Board of Trustees. There was general discussion regarding the Board and as to whether the Board would accept a representative from JCH&PS as one of its members. If they accept our representative the position should be taken by Doug Short in the absence of the President, Sandra Heaney.

VALE

WALTER (Guide No.99) FREDERICK HEIRON
1899-1989

It is with deep regret and sorrow that I have to advise the members of JCH&PS of the passing of Wally Heiron.

Wally had not been enjoying the best of health for some months and sadly he passed away peacefully on 7 September 1989.

The high esteem in which Wally was held was evidenced by the number of friends from far and near who attended his funeral.

Many of the mourners travelled down from Jenolan to bid their final farewells to an old and dear friend.

As most members would probably know, Wally had been a regular visitor to Jenolan since 1915. Those lucky enough to have had the time to listen and perhaps read the wealth of information Wally had "stored away" were indeed fortunate.

Some of Wally's recollections have previously been published in issues of the Newsletter.

Wally's contributions to JCH&PS have been immeasurable over the years and continued even after his health started to fail. For this we will remain eternally grateful to him.

On behalf of all the members, past and present, of the Society, I would like to extend our sincere condolences to June and all the Heiron Family.

D L SHORT, Acting President

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3.2.2 Thematic Summary

The history and material culture of Jenolan Caves thus illustrate a series of interconnected themes which indicate the present day historical and cultural significance of the site.

Theme 1: Perennial Nostalgia

The buildings comprising Caves House itself are rich expressions of the late nineteenth and early twentieth century rejection of the city and city life by the middle and upper-classes. This resulted in the embracing of the romantic pastoral ideal of the innate goodness of nature and country life, the championing of the morally- uplifting "strenuous life", together with a yearning for the rustic simplicity and picturesque homeliness of Old England. Jenolan Caves offered sublime and inspiring landscapes, caves seemingly fashioned by the hand of the Almighty, and a revitalising retreat from the ills and evils of the city. WL Vernon's traditional English-style buildings were skilfully designed to fit the picture, for they instantly conveyed the picturesque air of age-old solidity and respectability their patrons sought. Later additions by George McCrae were modified to suit new demands, but still successfully carried through these original themes. The powerful appeal of romantic nostalgia accounted for the homogeneity of the buildings designed between 1898 and 1928.

The current revival of all things old and

charming, and the consequent popularity of old-style guest-houses might be seen in a similar sense as a reaction against modern city life with its increasing complexity and anonymity. In view of the history and origin of Caves House, its new popularity is in a way nostalgia for nostalgia itself.

Theme 2: Reflections of Social Structure

The history and material culture of Caves House and its associated buildings show something of the much more strictly delineated class structure of the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. The type of people who visited the caves from the early period were wealthy, educated and leisured people from Sydney or on world tours from England. The billiards room, smoking room, trout hatchery are particularly good indications of the type of guests for whom the resort was designed originally, and reflect the government's commitment to catering for the well-to-do in what was considered a proper manner. Contrasts between the size, materials, location and details of accommodation provided for guests on one hand and staff and servants on the other are also pronounced. The 1914 and 1923 wings represent the erosion of the resort's early elite function and image. The built environment to some extent also records the gradual popularization and eventual mass-appeal of the caves from 1920 to the 1980s, with its new modes of accommodation, roads, car parks, kiosks, toilets, picnic and barbeque areas, and so on.

Theme 3: Interaction of Natural and Cultural Environments. This theme will appear in a future newsletter.

Thanks to Steve Opper for making this material available for reprinting in the newsletter.

I AM TRYING TO FIND SOME LOST MEMBERS. THEY WERE
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10 February 1990

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8 30 pm

Annual General Meeting

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Committee meeting to be held at 3 00 pm

Please note change of time

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WORKING BEE - full details on the next page

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Next Meeting - 12 May 1990, Jenolan Caves

### WORKING BEE

Following the recent and successful "Clean Up of Sydney Harbour" campaign, the Government have now decided to conduct another campaign to "Clean up Australia".

Our participation in this with respect to Jenolan will be to clean up the Elder Cave which currently has quantities of rubbish and broken glass in it. Hopefully, the old original entrance will be re-opened to enable easier entry to the cave. For those not able to gain entry into the Elder (if the old entrance is not re-opened) an alternate area will be allocated, possibly the Rock Pile in the Lucas. If we have time left over I'm sure we can find other areas also. Please note the following in your diary:

DATE Sunday, 21 January 1990

TIME 9 30 am

VENUE Guides' Office

You will need to bring old clothes, boots, a torch (don't forget to check the batteries) and a pair of sturdy work gloves or gardening gloves, we don't want people with cut hands or feet.

Remember, many hands make light work, so the more the merrier. Bring along a picnic lunch or have a barbeque (if the weather is good to us) and make a fun day of it.

I look forward to seeing you there,

D L SHORT

BUSINESS FROM THE MEETINGS

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\*BOARD OF TRUSTEES - This matter is still in limbo

\*FUNDRAISING - The fundraising chocolates are on hold at the moment due to the possibility of the Society taking control of the Resource Centre.

\*RESOURCE CENTRE - Scott Melton read to the Society correspondence about the Society taking over the running of the Resource Centre. We are awaiting a reply from Ernie Holland. For sorting purposes the "Green Room" is available on a request basis. It was mentioned that many of the Society's maps are held at the rear of the Resource Centre in the storage room.

\*PLAN OF MANAGEMENT - Steve Opper presented to the Society all of the documents relating to the Plan of Management. Richard Guy accepted same pending handover to Robert Lindsay.

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#### Theme 3: Interaction of Natural and Cultural Environments

Jenolan Caves may be seen as a record of the interaction of man and nature. The two underlying factors which have shaped its European history are first the drawing power of the caves themselves and their surrounding landscape, and second the repelling/constraining effect of isolation, rugged terrain and the constricted space of the narrow valley site.

The first factor has drawn the area from its early phase of camping in the Grand Arch to the present extensive complex. The second has invariably made development difficult, and thus has led to ingenious adaptations and applications of engineering, technology and architecture. Zig-zag roads were painstakingly cut down the mountains, a passage cut through the Grand Arch. The site had to have its own source of power and so Australia's earliest hydro-electric system was installed; it has required numerous successive water supply and sewerage works schemes to cope with ever-increasing numbers of visitors. Builders and architects were always forced to build along the

axes of the valley creeks and to economise with both sites and materials. It is therefore not uncommon for sites to have been used three and four times over the 100-odd year history; local limestone was used for the substantial buildings, and the re-use of older materials for new buildings was also common. Buildings were usually tailored to fit the constricted sites, for both aesthetic and practical reasons. Caves House is intentionally picturesque on its site nestled in the valley, surrounded by steep slopes. Later service and staff accommodation were invariably long, narrow and rectangular in shape to fit along the narrow valleys. Footbridges over the streams, running around and under buildings, were a characteristic visual feature of the built environment from 1880 to the 1960s, when some of the creeks were covered over.

The drastic alteration of the natural vegetation by clearing, plantations of exotic trees and gardens of tended shrubs was also characteristic of the site since the 1880s, when the environment began to be modified to suit Anglo-Australian tastes for tame, romantic, genteel landscapes.

It is within the sphere of natural versus cultural forces that the difficult present-day problems of Jenolan Caves and its management arise, for the caves still draw increasing numbers of visitors (250,000 per annum by 1986), while its natural features still present difficulties of access, accommodation, services and space, particularly when combined with attempts at preservation and conservation of the natural landscape, vegetation, fauna and the caves themselves.

Thanks to Steve Opper for making this material available for reprinting in the newsletter.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT

THIS IS MY LAST MEMBERSHIP REPORT AS I WON'T STAND AGAIN AT THE NEXT AGM. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND I HOPE YOU WILL GIVE THE NEXT ONE THE SAME SUPPORT. WE WILL STAY IN TOUCH AND WHO KNOWS WE MIGHT BE AROUND JENOLAN IN THE FUTURE - SEE YOU.

THANK YOU FOR LETTING ME KNOW OF HENRY SHANNON'S ADDRESS. I HOPE THIS NEWSLETTER WILL REACH HIM. I AM STILL TRYING TO FIND:

MICHELLE SARTON, 4 CORAL PLACE, NORTH RICHMOND NSW 2754  
CHRIS PAVICH & SHERRIE EVANS, 49 BUTTENSHAW DR, COLEDALE, NSW, 2513

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I WAS ONLY NOTIFIED RECENTLY THAT TWO OF OUR MEMBERS HAVE DIED. THEY WERE G P NICHOLLS (DECEMBER 1987) AND E McBURNEY (18.8.89)

I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS OUR SINCERE CONDOLENCES TO THEIR RESPECTIVE FAMILIES AND FRIENDS ON BEHALF OF THE SOCIETY.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Consideration should be given in advance for the Society's Committee in 1990.

The positions are: President; Vice Presidents(2); Secretary; Assistant Secretary; Treasurer; Assistant Treasurer; Membership Secretary; Research Officer; Curators(2); Committee Members (Min. 6, including Newsletter Editor, Activity Officer? and other helpers as required); and the endorsement of our Patron, Trustees(3), and Tourism Commission Representative.

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A new Newsletter Editor will be elected at the AGM in February, give a lot of thought to who you will choose to convey the business of the Society to its members, some of us are a long way from Jenolan Caves in distance, but it doesn't mean we aren't interested or concerned.

All material will be forwarded to the new Editor, thankyou, Cathie.

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NEXT MEETING

12TH MAY 1990

JENOLAN CAVES HOUSE 8.30 pm

GUEST SPEAKER Basil Holston (ex-guide)

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Committee Meeting to be held at 3.00pm.

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NEXT MEETING 11th AUGUST 1990 Jenolan Caves

New Office Bearers For 1990.

PRESIDENT : Janet McFarlane

VICE PRESIDENTS: Doug Short

Steven Opper

SECRETARY: Scott Melton

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TREASURER : Dimity Short

ASS ~~TREASURER~~; Richard Guy

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY: Maureen Sullivan

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CURATORS : Julia Horne

Barry Richard

COMMITTEE: Les McFarlane

Sean Ogorman St Walburg

Cindy Short (News Letter Ed)

Sandra Bartlett

Phil McGuire ( Activities Officer)

Richard Guy ( Ass. Research Officer)

PATRON : Mr Harold Coates OBE

TRUSTEES: Janet McFarlane

John Culley

John Callaghan

DEPARTMENT REP: Manager Caves House .

Congratulations to all those elected to office.

The AGM was a quiet affair with only a few members in attendance. Lets hope 1990 sees a few more faces both new and old back to lend their support as the society looks as though they have a big year ahead. The resource centre is slowly beginning to be tidied thanks to the efforts of those members who gave up their time after the mee ting. A filing cabenet has been purchased to house those documents not on display. As the centr takes shape we hope that our membership and support we receive will increase and ensure that JCH&PS will continue well into the 1990's.

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DEAD LINE NEXT NEWSLETTER JULY 11TH 1990.

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JUNE 1990

NEXT MEETING

11th AUGUST 1990

JENOLAN CAVES HOUSE 8:30pm

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Committee Meeting to be held at 3:30 PM.

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NEXT MEETING

NOVEMBER 10 TH 1990.

JENOLAN CAVES HOUSE.

The General meeting held at Jenolan in May saw a quite substantial crowd turn up to hear a n old friend of Jenolan , Basil Roleston talk on his new book "The Golden Years of Jenolan " and to share with us some old memories that are very valuable to the society.

We would like to thank Basil for his time and his most entertaining talk and hope that in the future that he will join us again to tell and share more of his tales.

The book " THE GOLDEN YEARS OF JENOLAN " is currently available through the society at a cost of \$10 00 a copy . People interested in purchasing a copy should contact SCOTT MELTON

107 Killarney avenue

Blacktown NSW. 2148

I believe this book to be a must to all those that have thirst for knowledge about Jenolans past. In future issues of the news letter I will present extracts from the book with thanks to Basil for his permission.

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PEPPERS RESORT TO TAKE OVER JENOLAN CAVES HOUSE.

YES ! Its official , on the stroke of midnight July 2nd 1990 , the Peppers group will begin their 99 year leasing of Jenolan Caves House with big ideas for improvement.

Unfortunately we have little information as to what they actually have in mind but management are quite keen to talk to the society about their ideas and would welcome our feed back and to express any concerns we might have . They are addressing us at the next General meeting in August and we will keep you posted on any further activity .

We at the society would like to extend our warmest welcome to the mangement and staff and hope many friendship will develop as a new era at Jenolan begins.



A Short Story From The Late Walter Heiron.

As most of you will be aware Walter Heiron was a regular visitor to Jenolan for fifty years. Recently Walter passed away and left us with his memories of his time at Jenolan. This is just one of many.

BERT BECKMAN: GUIDE NO 5.

When a guide was listed for a cave but no body bought tickets he would have to go and do other work ; this was called a "skinner". Often I would meet the guide who had the skinner .I met Bert and he said "Come for a walk?". So I went into the Temple of Baal with him.

The guides could tell you more ,with only you there, than they could in a party. We used to sit down and talk, to fill in time. On the day I went in with Bert we were looking up at a formation called Baal and I said to Bert " Who puts the light up there when it goes off?" He said."I do." He used to climb up a set of spikes in the wall and there was nothing else to hang on to. I asked him if he didn't get nervous. "No", he said, " but when your foot starts to slip your tummy goes all over".

In those days they had naked switches



for the lights in the caves. Some guides would use a bit of rubber to move the switches, some would use their hats, other would use their handkerchiefs, but Bert didn't use anything. I watched him and the sparks would go flying. "Don't you get a shock?" I asked. "No," he said, "watch; my hands are dry".

Bert lived on his own in one of those little huts on the side of the hill above the boiler house. One day he invited me to go and have a look at the wireless set that he had made himself. He turned it on and it gave a beautiful sound. It was loud and it could also get Western Australia- in those days that was a feat. But it had no cover; it just lay flat on a piece of packing case. I asked him why he didn't make a cabinet for it. "Got no wood". So I told him that I would send some up to him. I got the timber that I thought he would need and arrange with the people in the tourist bureau to have it sent to him. The next time I was there Bert thanked me and said "I want you to have a look at the tail of my shirt". This had me puzzled me so I went up to his hut and saw that he had made a lovely cabinet. And there, where they used to put a piece of silk over

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the speaker , was the tail of Bert's shirt , washed and ironed.

Bert was guide number five and I think that he was the most versatile man they ever had. There was nothing went wrong in Jenolan that he did not fix. If the possums were electrocuted he would be up there getting them down. If anything went wrong in the kitchen it was "Get Bert".

When the punt used to sink in the River Cave Bert used to dive down , with no clothes on, and put the chain underneath. He said it was too cold to have a costume on. One day he was diving to put the chain under when he heard the footsteps of a party coming through with NO2 guide, Archie Tait. Archie was always up to some devilment and this time he had a party of girls. There was no place where Bert could get out, there was a path in and a path out. So all he could do was swim under the bridge. He told me that he got hold of the bridge with his hands and threw his body under it. Bert was shivering like any thing and in comes Archie with the girls. He saw Bert there and stood the girls right over him. "Look girls it's (so many ) feet deep and it's flowing slowly..." He kept on talking. The manager and the engineer were there , so finally the manger said "Come on there move on please."

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

COULD ALL MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE: a space for the number of children has been provided so we can keep a more accurate count of our membership fees. Please ensure that this space is filled if applicable.

We would like to welcome the following people to JCHAPS:

MRS LYNETTE PEARSON AND FAMILY

NIGEL AND LYNN SCANLAN

STEVEN RING

KEITH WATSON

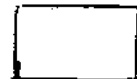
ARTHUR GRAY

We hope to see all these new faces at our meetings and hope they enjoy being a part of Jenolans history.

Our total membership is not known to date but we hope to have numbers available in the next news letter.

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10TH NOVEMBER 1990 8:30 pm

TO BE HELD IN THE CATHEDRAL CHAMBER IN THE LUCAS CAVE.

FOR FURTHER DETAILS SEE INSIDE.....

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COMMITTEE MEETING: TO BE HELD AT 3:30PM

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NEXT MEETING : AGM 9TH FEBRUARY 1991

Over the last few months the society has been looking at ways to make our meetings more interesting and a little different. A few years ago a meeting was held in the Cathedral chamber in the Lucas Cave which proved quite enjoyable and at times spooky. After popular demand, the society is to hold their next meeting in this Chamber entering through the sole of the boot , the way the first visitors entered the Lucas . After the meeting a tour through the Lucas , River & Baal caves. This should be quite a fun evening and will show that there is a difference in see a cave at night.

SEE YOU THERE.....

"JENOLAN-THE GOLDEN AGES OF CAVING" the book by Basil Roleston is still on sale through the society . It was reported to date that 151 copies have been sold on behalf of the society. Any one interested in purchasing this brilliant book please contact Scott Melton

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Adrian & Natalie Wheatley Jenolan Caves

Stuart Brown & Samantha Wilson Pelaw Main

We look forward to meeting you all at our meetings at  
Jenolan.

Many thanks to those who have paid their 1990  
subscriptions and congratulations to those members  
who realise the value in receiving 5 years membership  
for the price of only 4 years.

SOME FUTURE MEETING DATES TO WRITE IN YOUR DIARIES:

Saturday 10th November 1990

9th FEBRUARY 1991 A.G.M.

11th May 1991

10th August 1991

9th November 1991

Keep your eyes peeled for social activities planned by the society throughout 1991.

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FROM "JENOLAN THE GOLDEN AGES" an extract from the

Bathurst Free Press, written by a discoverer George Whiting.

THE LUCAS 1860

"At ten a.m on the morning of 4th January, two visitors named Nicholas Irwin and your present correspondent resolved to make an attempt to measure the height of a lofty pinnacle overhanging the creek. To do this it was necessary to climb up the precipitous side of the mountain, to a magnificent natural arch, spanning a deep abyss between two mountains. After some delay we got safely to the summit. While here my attention was attracted by the appearance in the side of a precipice a great way beneath us and shrouded over by a great mantle of twenty or thirty feet of what seemed to be ivy. Resolving to attempt this spot Nicholas Irwin led the way and I followed him up, scrambling and sliding through the loose stones and thick bush around us, and led by the apparent ivy. We gained the opening,

found the ivy was an evergreen olive all springing out of an ancient twisted knarled tree. We became convinced that we were probably the first human beings that had ever penetrated into this mysterious spot. The ground was covered in a soft loose mould. The spars and stalatites were of exquisite beauty in their pristine unbroken and undilapidated state, not the slightest trace or vestige of human beings ever having set foot there, for it would have been impossible to have crept through the next narrow opening without breaking the delicate spars or leaving some slight trace of passage. Unfortunately, having no candles we were compelled to return by the perilous way by which we descended. We immediately informed some others of the party and visits were made on two succeeding occasions to the same spot.

The party next day was C Whalan Jun, E Whalan, Rev W Mayne, Rev T Skewes, J Wilson, A Whalan, C and W Armstrong J Harvey, J Hughes, W Stranger, G Whiting, J Falls, James Nolan, and E Armstrong, who are witnesses of the truth of these facts.

Two hours exploring by this large party only had the effect of exhausting all our candles and convincing us of the unexplored fathomless extent of this new discovery."

Whiting goes to some length to assure us that no other person had been there before. He provides description of what happened above the ground, but there is no mention of what was found inside. Given the exploration time of two hours, we can only speculate upon the extent of their discoveries.

BASIL RALSTON.

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NEXT MEETING

9th February 1991

Jenolan Caves

8-30p.m.

Followed afterwards by the 1991 A.G.M.

Committee Meeting 3-30p.m.

Check at the Guides Office for the venue

Please give some thought to standing  
for a Committee Position. Details inside.

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A Message From Our President

1990 was a year of change at Jenolan with Peppers lease of Caves House commencing in July.

As part of their extensive restoration programme for the House, Peppers have tastefully refurbished the entrance foyer which now includes a late Victorian walnut glass fronted bookcase (circa 1890). We are most grateful to Peppers for making this magnificent cabinet available to the Society for the display of artifacts and memorabilia and would encourage Society members to make use of this facility should they have any historical items relating to Jenolan suitable for secure display within Caves House.

In December, Georg Djordjewitsch was appointed General Manager of the Jenolan Caves Reserve Trust. The Society welcomes Georg and looks forward to a long and happy association.

My sincere thanks to the Committee and members of the Society for their encouragement and support during 1990, particularly our dedicated Secretary, Scott Melton, who has also prepared this newsletter.

We very much appreciate the continued co-operation of the Jenolan Caves Reserve Trust, the Guiding Staff and the Management and Staff of Peppers Jenolan Caves House.

We look forward to renewing old friendships and meeting new members at the Annual General Meeting in February and extend very best wishes to you all for 1991.

Janet Macfarlane,  
President.

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NETTLE CAVE INSPECTION

There will be an inspection of this old show cave on Sunday 10th February at 10a.m. Please refer to the enclosed information sheet for further details.

From the Secretary's Desk

The last meeting which was held in the Cathedral Chamber of the Lucas Cave was a huge success. About 40 members wound their way down to the Grand Arch before moving into the Lucas Cave. For those of us who had too much to eat for dinner the walk was most beneficial. Everyone gathered in a variety of positions on the floor or where-ever comfortable and the meeting soon got underway.

Our President Janet Macfarlane welcomed those members and guests present and thanked Nigel Scanlan for the use of the Cathedral Chamber. In addition to normal business the following important matters were discussed;

\* M.A.A. Seminar - At this stage it looks as though the M.A.A. Seminar will be held in May although the exact date is not known. The suggested timetable would be a Saturday session at Hartley followed by a Sunday session at Jenolan. The estimated cost for this weekend would be approximately \$20.00 to \$30.00.

\* Grand Arch Redevelopment - Plans are currently underway for the redevelopment of the area from Caves House down to the Grand Arch. The meeting agreed that the Society should have representation in any discussions in this regard. As a result the following motion was moved by Sue Hardy and seconded by Doug Short.

"That the Society's curators be appointed the Society's spokespersons to be involved in the discussions on the redevelopment of the area from Caves House down to the Grand Arch, incorporating all structures in that area." This redevelopment could see a possible re-siting of the Society's Post Office Museum back to its original position.

\* Clean-up Australia Day - Sue Hardy advised that she is co-ordinating the National Clean-up Australia Day activities at Jenolan. This event will be held on Sunday 24th March. Wear old clothes and meet at the Guides Office at 9a.m. Don't forget to wear a sturdy pair of shoes and gloves are a must.

\* Historical Bird Display - Several members have seen the restoration work that is currently being undertaken on this cabinet. This work is being carried out by Anthony and Sue Hardy. Anthony gave the meeting a brief run-down on the restoration process which was very interesting. The eventual aim is to have the cabinet restored to its original condition although its final display position is unclear. A vote of thanks was extended to Anthony and Sue for the excellent job they are doing with the cabinet.

The meeting was declared closed at 9-45p.m.

#### After the Meeting

Some members may be aware that the famous Australian opera star Donald Smith recorded two songs in the Cathedral Chamber being "Bless this House" & "At the End of the Day" which were at one stage available from the souvenir kiosk. The Cathedral Chamber once again reverberated to the sounds of opera music tonight. One of our own members Domino Houlbrook sang to the meeting a beautiful repertoire of songs. Perched high on the Pulpit the sweet sound of song was music to everyone's ears.

After the sound of applause died down there were three options available to exit the cave. The first of these was to exit by the way everyone entered. The second was a trip to see the original way into the Lucas Cave by the Sole of the Boot with Anthony Hardy. Several people took this option and were glad they did. It is an interesting part of the Lucas Cave that not many people get to see from the inside.

The third and by far the most popular option was to join Peter Culley and Barry Richard on a tour through the Lucas Cave, part of the River Cave and then out through the Temple of Baal Cave and the Binooma Cut. Believe me it is no fun carrying a bag full of minute books and a sheet out this way. All agreed that the tour was most enjoyable and thanks were extended to Barry and Peter for giving up their time to lead this tour.



Snow at Jenolan. Circa 1900



Snow still falls occasionally at Jenolan during Winter and transforms the valley into a Winter Wonderland. A heavy fall fell during the first few days of July last year.

### Jenolan Caves Accommodation Houses

From the time of the discovery of the Caves at Jenolan in 1838 until the erection of the first accommodation hut in 1880, visitors slept in the Grand Arch. Ladies slept on the south side and Gentlemen to the north.

In 1879 Mr Jerimiah Wilson, the first caretaker and official guide (1866), erected a slab kitchen above the junction of Surveyors and Wallaby Creeks. In 1880 he commenced building the first sleeping accommodation, consisting of a corrugated iron hut containing one large dining room and five bedrooms. In 1884 one visitor wrote; in part- "the accommodation consisted of five bedrooms with seven beds, one sitting room with two sofas - we found twenty-five people there."

By November 1887 a large two storey wooden house had been built capable of providing accommodation for thirty people and had every convenience a traveller could want - except a license. Between 1887 and 1895 (date unknown) a second two storey building was built which outwardly was identical to the first. On the 14th March 1895 fire destroyed the original accommodation as an account of the fire reads "the new house alone was saved - none of the household effects were saved."

Wilson wrote on the 25th March 1895 to the Premier (the Hon. George Reid) and stated "as I am not in a position to rebuild - I have written to the Department of Mines asking them to resume and compensate me for all building and improvements on and adjoining my special lease. I have been keeper of these caves for twenty-eight years and have erected all the buildings - at my own expense."

Wilson retired in 1896 and in the same year approval was given for an accommodation house to be built on two acres of land specially dedicated for that purpose. The Northern wing, designed by the Government Architect, was completed in 1898.

This wing, constructed of limestone, forms the central area of the present complex. It was leased to Mr Harry Smith for a period of ten years.

1907 saw a contractor removing the two storey wooden building to make room for a new addition - the stone two storey wing. Completed in 1909 "its long verandah was most inviting to incoming guests."

In 1914 work was commenced on the third stage, the three storey addition. This addition contained more bedrooms and included the present Dining Room which was first used in September 1916, on the 27th.

Mr Harry Smith's lease expired after eighteen years and the N.S.W. Government took over the house on July 1st 1916 until it was leased by the Peppers Hotel group in July of 1990.

After a period of bushfires in 1919 a wet spell resulted in a major flood which inundated the ground floor of Caves House. Furniture was washed out and a piano was lodged half in and half out of a ground floor window. Water pipes were torn out and the sewerage and electricity failed. Several thousand tons of debris were deposited in the Grand Arch including mud, rubble and fixtures and furniture from Caves House.

As a result of these floods stormwater channels were built in the vicinity of Caves House. Various minor alterations were carried out to the House in the years to follow and 1990 saw a major renovation of the House commence. This renovation is being carried out by Peppers and as at the date of this newsletter the restoration work is progressing well.

Caves House will once again return to the way it was "in the olden days." For a detailed account of the current work please read on.

What's happening at Caves House?

No doubt many members are curious as to what the Peppers Hotel Group have planned for Caves house. As you may be aware Peppers commenced their lease of Caves House on the 2nd of July last year and have begun their restoration of Caves House. Those who have visited Jenolan during the last six months will have seen certain sections of the house undergo a metamorphosis. The first section to be renovated was the Dining Room which has been given a fresh coat of paint, sections of the walls covered with a nice floral design wallpaper and new French style drapes hung. All restoration work is being carried out in keeping with the period.

The renovators then turned their attention to the foyer and the first flight of the grand staircase. The carpet was removed and the original wooden parquetry floor was polished to a nice finish. The reception desk was relocated closer to the wall, the large chandelier was replaced and a large Persian style carpet was laid out. A new strip of carpet was laid between the ground and first floor. The Piece de Resistance is the antique display cabinet which Peppers have generously allowed the Society use of for display purposes. Please refer to the Presidents report on page two for further details regarding this cabinet and associated display. Overall the standard of finish is of a high quality and the foyer looks very nice.

The Ballroom has just about been completed at the time of writing and has been made into a guest lounge complete with greyish-blue carpet and several comfortable sofas. In addition a fire place has been constructed at the end of the room and is actually a reversal of the old fire place in the office.

Watch this page for further renovation news from Jenolan.

1991 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The 1991 Annual General Meeting will be held on Saturday 9th February at Jenolan Caves after the General Meeting. At this point all positions will be declared vacant and nominations will be called for to fill these vacancies. The following positions will be available;

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| President            | Newsletter Editor      |
| Vice-Presidents (2)  | Research Officer       |
| Secretary            | Asst. Research Officer |
| Asst. Secretary      | Curators (2)           |
| Treasurer            | Trustees (3)           |
| Asst. Treasurer      | Patron                 |
| Membership Secretary | Committee (7)          |

Members may hold more than one position if they wish. If you would like to nominate someone for a position please complete the nomination slip below and forward it to:

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I nominate ..... for the position of  
..... on the 1991 JCH&PS Committee.

Moved.....

Seconded.....

I accept the above nomination

..... Date.....

Due to the obvious problem of getting people to sign the slip, particularly if you wish to stand for a position, nominate yourself and then forward the slip and the rest will be completed on your behalf.

J.C.H.&P.S. T-SHIRTS & SWEATSHIRTS

The Society currently has available a range of T-Shirts and sweat shirts for purchase. They are printed by Max-Em of Beverly Hills and feature the Society's logo on the front with the Society's full name in a circle around it. It is quite an eye catching design and the artwork was drawn by Scott Melton our Secretary. They are available in a range of sizes and are available in white, red or blue with the printing being black.

Quite a few have already been sold to members and several have commented on the high profile they achieve for the Society. Even though you may not be able to make it to a meeting why not show support for the Society by wearing a T-Shirt or a sweat shirt. They will certainly attract a comment. Costs involved are \$10.00 for a T-Shirt plus \$3.50 postage and packing and the sweat shirts are \$20.00 plus \$4.50 postage and packing. If you wish to place an order please complete the form below and send to;

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**Treasurer:** Dimity Short 102 Woodcourt Road Berowra Heights  
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A WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

The Society would like to extend a warm welcome to the following new members;

|                               |              |
|-------------------------------|--------------|
| Mr Victor P Jeffreys          | Terry Hills  |
| Mr & Mrs D Parker & Family    | Hazelbrook   |
| Ian & Cheryl Greaves & Family | Hartley Vale |
| Rodney Ford                   | Neutral Bay  |
| Debra Robson                  | Gorokan      |
| Warwick Trantum               | Mt Colah     |

Hope to see you at the meeting in February.

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1991 MEMBERSHIPS ARE NOW DUE



If a red cross appears in the box above your membership is due for renewal as at 1st January 1991. When renewing, please forward your remittance together with the form on the back of this newsletter which is suitable for both new memberships or renewals. Don't forget the value of five years membership for four times the annual rate. Please do not delay in forwarding your renewal as you are not eligible to vote at the A.G.M. if you are unfinancial.

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### HISTORICAL NETTLE CAVE INSPECTION

On Sunday the 10th February there will be a special inspection of the Nettle Cave, conducted by Ernst Holland. Please meet outside the Guides Office at 10a.m. There is a limit of 30 places on this tour and the minimum age is 8 years. Gloves are also recommended for the climb up. The Nettle Cave is an upper passage of the Devil's Coach House and there is a good view of the Northern entrance from the Nettle Cave.

For further information and to reserve a place on the tour please phone Janet Macfarlane on (02) 489 3991 after 6p.m.

The following is an extract from the book "Australia's First Century" and describes a visit to the Nettle Cave.

"For the trip one adopts the oldest and most compact clothes possible; no ribbons or trimmings must be left hanging to catch on a point of rock. The Guide takes his magnesium wire-lamp and a supply of candles, the visitors provide themselves with candlesticks (a peculiar form is in vogue with a saucer to catch the sperm drippings) and matches, and the procession starts. Down into the mouth of the Grand Arch we wind along, out to its lower entrance, and then, with a sharp leftward turn, mount some half covered steps to a grating that bars the cave mouth. This is the Nettle Cave. The reason is apparant at once: those tall weeds that edge our stairway can sting with great effect. Our guide opens a gate in the grating, lets us all in and bars it again. Then the candles are lighted - they will not be much wanted here, but it is as well to get into the routine at once - and we start off down a slope thick with dust. Here the formations are, as a rule, of great size, but covered with an impalpable yellow powder, and quite wanting in brilliancy; they are mutilated, too, to a large extent, by former visitors,, excursionists of twenty years ago, who were anxious to keep up their rifle shooting. Presently we come out into daylight in the side of a huge vault, and find ourselves a hundred feet or so up in the southern wall of the Coach-house, with the light streaming down through the summit-hole on masses of fantastic stalagmite; some imitating a lobster's back, others like drooping branches of willow, green from the rain."



COMING ATTRACTIONS AT JENOLAN CAVES

The following list of coming attractions has been supplied by the Management of Peppers Jenolan Caves House for your information.

- 2-2-91 "Bobbie Barnes Night"  
Scots Dancing mid-afternoon and evening.  
Scottish Banquet - Saturday night including  
"Piper and the Haggis".
- 14-2-91 "Valentines Night"  
Special Menu.  
Supper Club and romantic music featuring Harp  
and Guitar.
- 23-2-91 "Simply Chopin"  
A Chopin concert conducted outdoors after dinner  
and will be accompanied by candlelight a'l fresco  
desserts.
- 16-3-91 "A Musical Weekend"  
17-3-91 The S.B.S. Youth Orchestra will perform in the  
Devil's Coach House.  
Other performances of chamber music to be held  
in the Guest Lounge and Dining Room.

For further information and to make a reservation in Caves House, please phone Peppers Jenolan Caves House on (063) 593304. The entertainment for New Years Eve was most enjoyable and the above events should be as well.

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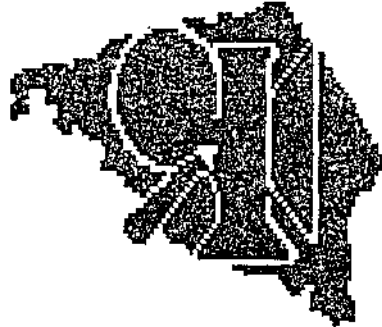
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Venue: Jenolan Caves.

Committee Meeting: 3.30 pm, Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May 1991.

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NEWSLETTER ED: Derek Elmes

## FEATURE 1

### Jenolan Caves in 1872

by W. Slattery

The railway was been constructed through Tarana at this time and we supplied the Contractor with a lot of fencing material. On one occasion a man named Pat Hartigan and myself were splitting timbers near the Duckmaloy one afternoon Jerry Wilson who was recently appointed Caretaker at the Caves came to our camp and said he wanted us to go with him to the Caves that evening when asked why so urgent he replied their is a Bullock team coming from Oberon with a load of flooring boards and we want help to get them down the mountain and then I want ye to get timber and strip enough bark to build a sheltershed at the Caves. We saddled up our horses rolled up our kit and away we went through the scrub about ten miles to the top of the Caves hill were we camped for the night in the morning the teamster yoked up six bullocks we then cut down a small tree lashed the boards in to the limbs of the tree hooked the bullocks on to the tree and after four hours manuvering we landed at the mouth of the grand arch. Those boards were to build a dancing floor in the grand arch at that time parties used to reach the caves in horse back and stayed overnight they would pass the time dancing when not exploring the caves we camped at the entrance to the arch for ten days wilst getting the timber required for the shed during that time we done a bit of exploring. The arch on your right going in from Hampton was called the devils coach house about a mile up that creek there is a few acres of level ground this was called McKewins hole. This is were an escaped convict named McKern was arrested wich led to the first discovery of the caves. Their is a small cave on the hill

closeby where this man lived and at the time showed signs of habitation there was also about half an acre of land that had been cultivated part of the fence was still visible. By what I learned from the old hands at that time McKeon and another man escaped from a convict settlement at a place called the Hill about two miles on the eastern side of Muillins Falls.

Those escapees were a large for several years they came out occasionally and raided the settlers taking what they required. Eventually the police and a couple of the old pioneers went out determined to locate their hiding place after being out three or four days they camped overnight on one of the mountains in the vicinity of the caves early next morning they saw smoke rising out of this particular gully guided by the smoke they discovered McKeon working in his garden. The other man was not found but there was a mound of earth close by and it was surmised that he was buried there.

*The above account is from the unpublished diary of William Slattery, who later operated a timber mill in Lithgow. The spelling and punctuation are reproduced as in the original, with the permission of his descendant, Trevor Evans of Lithgow. It was transcribed by Jim Smith who requests readers to locate "the Hill" and "Muillin's Falls". Jim can be contacted at 65 Fleicher Street, Wentworth Falls, 2782.*

## FEATURE 2

### Annual Report 1893

Progress Report by Mr. W. S. Leigh, Superintendent of Caves.  
Department of Mines and Agriculture, Geological Survey Branch,  
Sydney, 14 February, 1894.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit the following progress report on the caves for the year 1893:-

During the year I have inspected the following caves in connection with the general supervision, improvement works, and new discoveries, &c., viz., Jenolan (four visits), Wellington, Bendithera, Wombeyan, and Coleman.

The most important new discovery was made at Jenolan, where Mr J. Wilson, keeper, discovered on the 20th February, another large and distinct branch of the Imperial Cave, which, in point of beauty and interest, is equal to any other known cave in the group. It branches off from the "Right Imperial," near the "Gem of the West," and its passages, intersecting each other at various points, total over 2,000 feet in length.

Subsequently, further extensions, consisting of two small branches, were discovered in the cave.

#### *Jenolan Caves*

Number of visitors, 1,511. On account of the shortness of funds it was found necessary in July to suspend for the time being improvement works at these and other caves. Good progress had, however, been made in the carrying out of more urgent and important works. At the time operations were suspended the men were engaged in opening up the new cave, and so far the work accomplished is most satisfactory. I estimate it will take two men about four months to complete the necessary improvements in this cave. The ironwork for same has not yet been provided.

It having been decided to light the Lucas Cave with electricity, a new dynamo and six arc lamps and fittings were procured from the Western Electric Company, Chicago, for the purpose. The arc lamps, the first to be used at Jenolan, should, on account of its spacious chambers, produce a grand effect in this cave. The passages will be lighted with the ordinary incandescent lamps.

As the present dynamo in use for the Imperial Cave lights was driven direct from the turbine, it was found necessary in the new arrangement to remove same to a position suitable for driving from a counter-shaft, by which the new dynamo will also be driven. This portion of the work, which embraced the supply and erection of counter-shafting, pulleys, belting, &c., building of concrete foundations and erection of dynamos, was performed by Mr J. J. Paterson, contractor. The cables have also been laid to the mouth of the cave.

The other portion of the work, viz., the hanging of the lamps and the running of the wires, &c., through the cave, was to have been carried out by the Electric Light Department, simultaneously with the portion already done, but the Department has not yet been able to spare the services of the Chief Electrician, who has been entrusted with the work.

Extract in part from the Annual Report of the Mines Department,  
1893.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I have very much pleasure in presenting a report of the Society's activities during 1990.

Traditionally, four committee and four general meetings were held at Jenolan during the last twelve months. Following the general meeting on Saturday, 12th May, Basil Ralston, a former Jenolan Guide and author of *Jenolan - The Golden Ages of Caving*, was our guest speaker. Basil very kindly presented to the Society his original 1987 manuscript titles *The Men of Jenolan* and gave permission for the Society to reprint his poem *Why do I do it?* and a chapter *Fun in the Lucas* which were not included in the published version. We are fortunate to have sole selling rights of his book at Jenolan and to date have sold 278 copies through the Ticket Office.

On 2nd July, the Peppers Hotel Group formally commenced their lease of Caves House. I was pleased to represent the Society at a special meeting with Paul Rubie (Chairman, The Jenolan Caves Reserve Trust), Mike O'Connor (Chairman and Managing Director of the Peppers Hotel Group and Philip Riley (Executive Director Operations and Development for Peppers Hotel Group).

On Saturday evening, 14th July, a special meeting attended by members of the Guiding Staff and the Society's Committee was held in the Guides' Office. The aim of this informal meeting, chaired by Phil McGuire, was to re-establish the relationship between the Society and the Guiding Staff. It was agreed that more social functions be included in the Society's calendar ... bush dances, smoke concerts, etc. Following this meeting, I wrote personally to all 25 members of the Guiding Staff (including financial members of the Society) inviting them to our August general meeting and a social "get-together" afterwards in the Resources Centre. It was on this occasion that we formally welcomed Seamus O'Brien, Manager of Caves House, to Jenolan and to the Society as a new member.

The November meeting held in the Cathedral Chamber of the Lucas Cave was very well attended ... perhaps all meetings, even Annual General Meetings, should be held in the caves! At the conclusion of the meeting, Domino Houlbrook, a casual guide and member of the Society, sang for us from the heights of the pulpit. It was indeed a



very special occasion. But there was more ... three choices in fact. Return as we had come to the Guide's Office for supper; an inspection led by Anthony Hardy to the Sole of the Boot (the original way into the Lucas Cave) or a tour through the Temple of Baal and the Binomea Cut accompanied by Barry Richard and Peter Culley.

On Sunday, 11th November, members of the Society catalogued items and helped with the Caves House foyer display. We are most grateful to Peppers for making the magnificent Victorian bookcases available to the Society for the display of artifacts and memorabilia. We also appreciate Peppers' encouragement in providing accommodation in the "historical wing" of Caves House on a no charge/pay for meals basis for members carrying out specific tasks at Jenolan on behalf of the Society.

In December, George Djordjewitsch was appointed General Manager of the Jenolan Caves Reserve Trust and we look forward to a long and happy association.

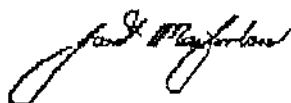
During the year, the Society officially took over the control and running of the Resources Centre. We also agreed to maintain the updating of the Managers' Honour Roll, presented some years ago to Caves House by the late Walter Heiron. Peppers are keen to continue with this tradition and we are presently confirming past managers with the Trust. We have also undertaken to preserve the Native Bird collection and we than Anthony and Sue Hardy for the research and restoration work they have carried out with Hartcorp, consultants for the redevelopment of the Grand Arch Precinct that area from Caves House to the Grand Arch) involving possible re-siting of the Society's Post Office Museum.

My sincere thanks to the Committee and members of the Society for their enthusiasm and support during 1990, particularly our hard working Secretary, Scott Melton; Treasurer, Dimity Short; and Membership Secretary, Maureen Sullivan. Additionally, we thank Scott for his efforts in producing the JCHAPS T-Shirts and sweatshirts and his logo design; Dimity, for providing raffles at our meetings; and Maureen, for attending to the suppers.

To those members of the Committee who are not standing for re-election, we thank you for your support and hope you will continue to maintain an interest in the Society.

We very much appreciate the continued co-operation of Paul Rubie, Ernst Holland and the Jenolan Caves Reserve Trust, Nigel Scanlon and the Guiding Staff, and Seamus O'Brien the staff of Peppers Jenolan Caves House.

One of the very positive results which has emerged from this year of change at Jenolan is the feeling of greater co-operation, friendship and respect which has developed between the Trust, Peppers and the Society. I am sure this augurs well for all, but more importantly, for Jenolan.



(Mrs) Janet Macfarlane  
President  
Jenolan Caves Historical and Preservation Society  
9th February, 1991.

#### FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

*Hi, and welcome to another column. The last General Meeting of the Society was held at Jenolan Caves on Saturday 9th February and was followed by the 1991 Annual General Meeting. Twenty-one members attended these meetings and apologies were received from a further twenty-one members.*

*Matters discussed at the General Meeting included the meeting held between Janet Macfarlane and Barry Richard with Stephen Alley and Antionette Lee of Hartcorp. Hartcorp have been engaged to report on the possible redevelopment of the Grand Arch precinct (Caves House to the Grand Arch). When this area is redeveloped it is quite possible that the Society will have space for a new museum. At this time though, discussions are still in the preliminary stages with the major problem of traffic flow to be overcome. I will keep you informed as future developments occur.*

Fudge sales are progressing well with the first batch sold out in two days - to the Guides! Sales of the Golden Ages book by Basil Ralston are selling well and as at the date of the last meeting 278 copies had sold. This is most pleasing. It is also good to see members wearing Society T-Shirts and sweatshirts. They are still available through me by ringing me on (02) 622 0920.

I also informed the meeting that I would be prepared to research past meeting minutes in order to find any amendments that have been made to the constitution of the Society. When this is done Janet and myself will update the constitution. This will be a big task but one that needs doing. I will be able to provide a preliminary report as to the progress of this task in the next newsletter.

Once the General Meeting concluded the 1991 Annual General Meeting commenced. The President, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership Secretary and Curator presented their reports for 1990 which were accepted. At this point in time Janet Macfarlane declared all positions vacant and called upon Sandra Heaney to take the chair until a new President was elected.

Nominations for President were called for and one Janet Macfarlane was received. As there were no other nominations, Janet was elected unopposed. The rest of the 1991 Committee were elected as follows:

|                       |                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Vice Presidents:      | Barry Richard and Steve Opper                                                                                                                                                              |
| Secretary:            | Scott Melton                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Assistant Secretary:  | Sandy Bartlett                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Treasurer:            | Dimitry Short                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Assistant Treasurer:  | Richard Guy                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Membership Secretary: | Maureen Sullivan                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Curator:              | Barry Richard                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Committee Members:    | Phil McGuire (Activities Officer),<br>Sandra Heaney, Cathie Draheim,<br>Natalie Wheatley, Les MacFarlane,<br>Adrian Wheatley, June Heiron, Arthur Gray,<br>Derek Elmes (Newsletter Editor) |
| Patron:               | Mr Harold Coates O.B.E.                                                                                                                                                                    |

Congratulations to the above on their election. Thanks must also be extended to those members that did not seek re-election for the efforts over

the last year. In addition, the following positions were left unfilled until the May Meeting : Curator (2), Research Officer and Department Representative. Thanks are extended to Peppers for allowing us to use Wallaby Hall for the meeting.

The Clean Up Australia Day which was held at Jenolan was a success with 3 x 8 ton trucks of rubbish and 34 garbage bags removed. Most of this was old construction material but it was a shame that six bags of rubbish were collected from the side of the Five Mile Hill. John Brown, Arthur Gray, Stephen Gray, Mathew as well as myself spent an enjoyable morning walking down the Five Mile collecting rubbish. It really makes you appreciate where Jenolan is located when you stop and look over the valley. As well as Society members the following groups were represented Blue Mountains Speleological Club, O.T.C. Caving Club, Endeavour Caving Club and the Hills Speleological Club. At Jenolan the Guides must be thanked for their participation as well as the Trust for supplying bags at the last moment. Special thanks to Barry Richard for disposing of the rubbish as well as leading a cave tour afterwards for those who participated. Thanks also to Julie Bye for organising and co-ordinating the day.

On a more personal note, congratulations are in order to Sue and Anthony Hardy on the birth of their baby daughter Sonia. As well, Bill Buckley is recovering well from his heart surgery of a few weeks ago.

Don't forget that the next meeting of the Society is being held on Saturday 4th May so as not to clash with Mother's Day. All other meetings will remain the second Saturday of the respective month.

That's about all the news for now from the Society, and on behalf of the Committee, we hope to see you at the May meeting.

Scott Melton  
Secretary

## CURATOR'S REPORT

The main achievement for 1990 was establishing a display in the Resource Centre for which many thanks are owed to Janet & Les Macfarlane, Scott Melton and Steve Oppen. We have removed some objects from the Seismograph station to the storage area of the Resources Centre in order to improve access to the Society's

collection, so that may continue to catalogue these objects. Detailed notes on how to catalogue the collection are available to any member who wishes to participate in this project and thanks go especially to Scott Melton who has continued to help greatly with this task. Peppers Resort has expressed interest in co-operating with the Society during its renovations, particularly in establishing a new resources centre. The Museum Association of Australia are willing to provide professional advice to the Society and Peppers about the sorts of requirements needed for such a centre. We await further developments.

A thought about the future. One of the problems with maintaining and developing the Society's collection over the last few years has been the lack of people who could put in enough time to really improve the collection. That most other historical societies often have a voluntary museum workforce of about 10 (mostly retired) people who devote 1-2 days each week to their museums, I think, highlights our problem, since most of our members have full time jobs and so, understandably, have much less time to devote to the museum. Our aim for this year should, perhaps, be one of persuading Peppers (if indeed they need persuading), that the history of Jenolan is an important reason why people visit the Caves. Indeed, not only is Jenolan a "masterpiece of nature", but it also has important cultural dimensions for Australian Europeans for over two hundred years. The Society has an interesting collection of artifacts which demonstrates this history and could be well displayed and utilised in any developments that Peppers are planning. These developments, then, should allow for professional advice on how best to display the objects, not only so they tell a story in a way that visitors will respond to, but also so the objects are properly cared for. Our contribution, notwithstanding the objects, could be then looking after the displays, a job that could be done at each meeting every three months.

Julia Horne (6/2/91)

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

### Current Membership details:

Family = 29; Ordinary = 38; Students = 4; Life = 1;  
Patron = 1; Special Honorary = 2; Unfinancial = 25  
Total Paid Membership = 71  
Total Membership = 121

We would like to extend a warm welcome to the following new members:

Denise Armstrong (Ingelburn)  
Jonathan Wooding & Carole Cusack (Ashfield)  
David & Margaret Busching (Wollsatncraft)  
Wendy Gibson (Hinchinbrook)

## SENIOR GUIDE'S BIT

Nigel Scanlon has provided some details on a few recent events in the Caves. The Ribbon Cave was shown (as a normal tour) for the first time since Good Friday 1984, by John Callaghan, on Good Friday just past; all the pathways in the Lucas Cave have been water cleaned; and in the River Cave, two mats have been placed in the River Cave to prevent mud being carried by the visitors shoes on the Mud Tunnel into the rest of the cave and the uppers sections have been "scrubbed and vacuumed". Thanks Nigel.

## THE EDITORS CONTRIBUTION

Welcome to my first issue Editor and I hope that I am able to provide an interesting and attractive Newsletter. It is my opinion that the Newsletter should be more than a way of informing the membership of upcoming meeting and events, and present some type of "feature". It need not be a 3000 word essay or thesis, but just something of interest. It could be an extract from an old newspaper or book on Jenolan, or some little titbit of information about Jenolan's past or for that matter, its present. I would like to invite any member to submit to me, anything they think may make an interesting article in the newsletter, e.g., I've included an extract from the Department of Mines 1893 Annual Report. I would like to

thank Jim Smith for supplying the piece on Jenolan in 1872 from the diary of William Slattery.

## EVENTS

Future Meeting Dates:

Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> May 1991

Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> August 1991

Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> August 1991

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT CAVES HOUSE?

Since publication of the last newsletter we have been informed by the management of Peppers that no further work has been carried out on Caves House. As work takes place you will be informed.

## CAVESWORD PUZZLE #1

This, and I could be wrong, is the first Crossword Puzzle to appear in the JCHAPS Newsletter. While this Editor will attempt to maintain the regularity of this item he would appreciate any contribution from members.

### ACROSS

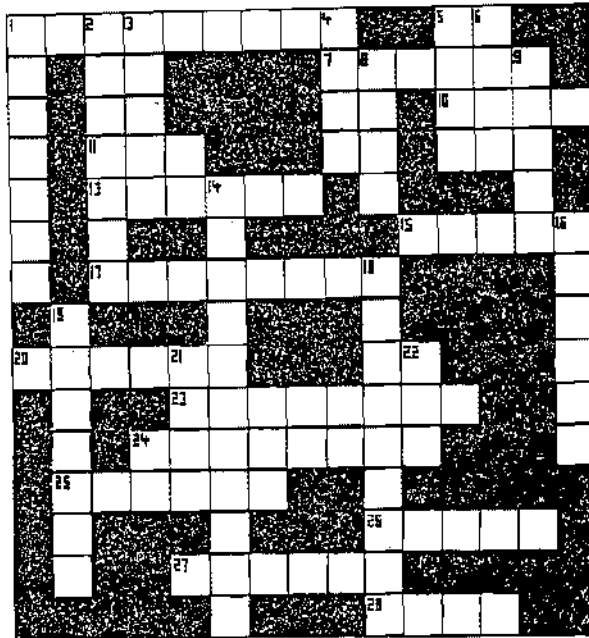
1. The rock in which the Jenolan Caves are found (9).
7. Cave probably discovered in 1868 by R. Hughes and two brothers, Patrick and Edward, whom it was named after (6).
10. Because the water is slightly this, the caves can form (4).
11. Mons \_ \_ \_ (3).
13. Cave opened to the public on 28th December, 1917 (6).
15. \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ Wiburd (5).
17. The signatures "Lucas", "Simmonds", "Hennings 1888", "Robert Irving Bourke, Oberon, May 1888", and "Voss Wiburd" are found in this cave (8).
20. Wonderful organisation (6).
23. Cave discovered in 1903 and renamed in 1987 (8).
24. Surveyed the caves in 1897-98 (8).
25. Cave once inspected at the same time as the Arch Cave (6).
26. A current and well known show cave, though some of its features, the Furze Bushes, White Gum Tree, and the Retreat are not so well known (5).
27. Cave named after the Governor of New South Wales who arrived in the year of its discovery, 1890 (6).

28. The guides used to play Charon upon this (4).

### DOWN

1. Jeremiah's wife (7).
2. First entered in 1882 by Jeremiah Wilson and now has sections known as Brittle Bazzar, Pisa Chamber, The Overflow, and Wilsons Rift (7).
3. Cave named after a tree at its entrance near Carlotta's Arch (5).
4. Her Bower is found on the way to Victoria's (4).
5. Electrical wires leading from Olympia to the Red and White Temples were (are) coated with this metal (4).
6. The Grand \_ \_ \_ \_ (4).
8. The Gem at the end of the Imperial (4).
9. The \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ Smith Cave (6).
16. Cave officially discovered by Bruce Welch on 11th May 1975 (6).
18. They were this before the Jubilee (8).
19. Senior Guide from 1946 to 1955 (7).
21. PSRT (4).
22. His wife greets everyone on the way to the Crystal Cities (3).





Answers in the next issue

## **STOP PRESS**

The new JCHAPS Newsletter Editor has tried to mislead the membership. In an attempt to undermine the smooth operation of the organisation he has stated that the 10th of August meeting is followed by the of 9th August meeting! Don't be led astray! There is no meeting on 9th August! There is, however one on 9th November. Repeat - page 13 - 9th August should read 9th November.

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Next Meeting: 8.30 pm, Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> August 1991.

Venue: Lucinda Chamber, Chifley Cave.

Committee Meeting: 3.30 pm, Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> August 1991.

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MEMBERSHIP

SECRETARY: Maureen Sullivan  
NEWSLETTER ED: Derek Elmes

## VANDALISM AT JENOLAN CAVES.

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Regarding the Jenolan Caves, several cases of vandalism have recently be reported. Some excursionists have amused themselves by carving their names about the place. The Minister for Mines finds that the legal position of the department in the matter is very indefinite. To make matters clear Mr. Cook has given directions that the cave reserves of the colony should be placed under the Public Trust Act of 1897. This Act provides for the appointment of trustees who are empowered to make rules and regulations for the management and control of such trusts. In this manner it is hoped that any damage to the caves will in future be prevented.

The Lithgow Mercury, Friday, 27th January, 1898 (supplied by Robert Lindsay)

### A little bit more - Oliver Trickett

Some times you come across some pieces of information that relate to Jenolan in some funny places. While working for the Department of Mineral Resources (Mines Department) I often wandered into the Department's general store room in search of pens, rulers, pencils, paper, and other stationary. I also occasioned to wander down the back where they stored all the old accounts records where there were a number of old journals. Glancing through these journals I found one that detailed the employment and pay of employees around the turn of the century. Naturally I looked for familiar names and found an entry for one Oliver Trickett.

The details of the entry are listed below.

| Date                      | Position<br>Remarks        | Branch                               | Annual<br>Salary |           |
|---------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------|-----------|
|                           | <i>Name</i>                | <i>Trickett Oliver</i>               |                  |           |
|                           | <i>Date of Birth</i>       | <i>May 29<sup>th</sup> 1847</i>      |                  |           |
| 1880                      |                            |                                      |                  |           |
| Mar 25                    | Surveyor,<br>Drafton Dist. | Temp                                 | 300              | Equip: 27 |
| 1881 Jan 1<br>to 1887 Dec | Licensed Surveyor<br>do    | Fee                                  | "                |           |
| 1892 June 1               | Draftsman, Minas           | Temp                                 | 5 per week       |           |
| 1895 Dec 23               | do                         | Perm.                                | do               |           |
| 1896 July 1               | do                         | "                                    | 260              |           |
| 1899 July 1               | do                         | "                                    | 275              |           |
| 1901 July 1               | Draftsman<br>& Surveyor    | "                                    | 325              |           |
| 1906 Jan 1                | do<br>Regrading            | "                                    | 360              |           |
| 1910 July 1               | do<br>10.7090.             | "                                    | 380              |           |
| 1911 " 1                  | do<br>Day 13 24.1.12       | "                                    | 400              |           |
|                           |                            | <i>Retired</i>                       |                  |           |
|                           |                            | <i>Last day of Service 22.3.1920</i> |                  |           |
|                           |                            | <i>ps 19.7637145</i>                 |                  |           |

(You may be interested to hear that a book written by Greg Middleton is soon to be published by the Sydney Speleological Society. More information as it comes to hand.)

### FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

Welcome to my third "From the Secretary's Desk" column. For the majority of our members this newsletter is the only contact they have with the Society so I will do my best to make the column as interesting and informative as possible.

Thanks to the generosity of the Reserve Trust, the last meeting was held in the Temple of Baal cave and was well attended with 21 members present. Unfortunately the decision to hold the meeting in the cave was made at the last moment so we were unable to advertise it in the last newsletter. Due to the popularity of holding the meetings in caves, we have once again received permission from the Trust to hold the August meeting in the Lucinda Cavern of the Chifley Cave. Like the previous meetings held in caves it should prove interesting. Don't forget to bring a small camp stool or a blanket to sit on.

Matters discussed at the last General Meeting included the proposed redevelopment of the area between Caves House and the Grand Arch. Julia Horne and Anne Brake from the M.A.A. had met with Antionette Lee from Hartcorp to discuss possible Society involvement. Their discussions included the question of funding and possible assistance that the Society may be eligible to receive in the form of grants from various organisations.

Other matters discussed included progress reports on the sales of Society Sweatshirts and T-Shirts, fudge sales and Golden Age book sales. All are progressing well with 339 Golden Age books sold as at the last meeting. At the next

meeting I hope to be able to present a more up to date position on Sweatshirt sales, including a profit figure to date.

At the Annual General Meeting held in February, two positions were left vacant and these were filled at the meeting. For the position of Curator, two nominations were received; one from Julia Horne and one from Sue Hardy. Although there was only one vacancy for curator, it was agreed to allow both nominations to stand. Congratulations to Julia and Sue. The other position to be filled was Research Officer and one nomination from Joan Edwards was received. Joan was elected unopposed and congratulations are also in order.

As many members may be aware, we have some members currently overseas. I recently received a letter from Michael & Boronia Chilcott who are in Switzerland. They are well and enjoying living there surrounded by snow and Swiss chocolate. As you may be aware Sandra Heaney is working in the Sudan as a relief worker. She also sent us a letter and it has been reproduced elsewhere in the newsletter. I am sure you will join me in wishing her all the best and that she returns to Jenolan safe and well.

Congratulations are in order for Domino and Kevin on their recent engagement. May they enjoy a long and happy life together.

I am going to Western Australia in late September and hope to visit the caves of the southwest corner of the state. I have been told they are very spectacular. I will also be catching up friends I have not seen for a few years as well as visiting the famed dolphins of Monkey Mia. I will present a report of my trip in the next newsletter.

That's about all for now so don't forget the next meeting to be held in the Chifley Cave. On the Sunday after the meeting there will be an inspection of the Elder Cave. At this time it will be at 10am, however, please check on the weekend. To reserve a place please phone Arthur Grey on (02)484-6526. By



*the way the next meeting will be on Saturday 10th August.  
See you there.*

*Scott Melton  
Secretary*

### **A Letter from the Sudan...**

Dear Janet, Scott and all at JCHAPS,

Well life here in Sudan is not something to envy, conditions have deteriorated to an unbelievable level. Thousands die daily from hunger. In our camp we now have 60,000 people and only a half ration of food for 20,000. Each day we loose at least 20 children - and monthly 15 are being born - so there will be few left soon.

Despite all this our team remains in good spirits and continues to work hard, though at times our frustrations leads to arguments - but our love wins in the end and all is forgiven.

As for me I'm well and so far have resisted all nasty diseases. May not be back for the August meeting as promised as it will be hard to walk away now when the need is greatest.

Best wishes to you all,

Love *Sandra*

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

We would like to welcome the following new members:

Michael White (Waverton)  
Joan Edwards (Wentworth Falls)

We would also like to farewell Mrs Pamela Gooch who resigned from the Society.

## SENIOR GUIDES BIT

Nigel reports that the guides are refencing the Jubilee. Refencing commenced in the left branch with the assistance of renowned lover of the Jubilee and wall builder/fencer extraordinaire, Mr J Callaghan. John was also involved in training some of the guides in the art of fencing. Water cleaning of the lower sections of the Orient Cave is complete and they are waiting on a new water cleaner before commencing the higher sections. The new guides uniform has been finalised and they will be ordering it shortly. Nigel started to report that Natalie "Suicide Blonde" Wheatley had done something to her hair but was cudgelled with what sounded like a typewriter and the phone went dead. Guess we'll have to wait to the meeting to see what Nat's done. Thanks for the update and get well soon Nigel.

## THE EDITORS CONTRIBUTION

Well, I've managed to survive to my second issue despite an awful lot of things that tried to stop me, including a major computer malfunction that deleted everything from my hard disk. I'd like to thank those of you who have sent me material for the newsletter and I'll try to include as much of it as I can in this and future issues. After finding a few errors in the last newsletter (after I had sealed them all in their envelopes of course) I've decided to engage the services of a totally unprofessional proof reader. Martin Essam (who I would also like to thank for helping in the production (i.e. he owned the laser printer) of the last newsletter) has spent most of his life spelling words incorrectly and writing meaningless sentences, so I think he will be perfect for the job. Anyway that's enough from me, on with the newsletter.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT CAVES HOUSE?

Nothing to report on the redevelopment of caves house.

The following article was printed in the *Sydney Morning Herald* of Thursday, 4th July 1991:

THE RESTAURANT at Jenolan Caves opened 75 years ago on September 24, and the new operator, Peppers, wants to mark the occasion with a dinner that repeats the original menu. So what was it? The earliest menu it's found goes back to 1923, but records show there were souvenir menus for patrons from the opening dinner. First in with the menu (Seamus O'Brien, 063 593304) will be the guest of the hotel for two nights - and for the dinner.

## TRIP REPORT

(A trip and a half - Alladin Cave - 5th May 1991)

When Ernie rang me about another matter and discovered I was coming up for the 4th of May 1991 JCHAPS meeting he asked if would like to lead a caving trip to Alladin Cave for the Society. He asked if I knew the cave - I said yes - it was only a year or so since I was in their last - and my whatsama-callit, um, er, memory is pretty good, so I said fine.

It was a beautiful day as we made our way up the valley. Before long our porters became nervous and refused to go any further. We left them carrying what supplies and equipment we could. Was this a warning for things to come? Unperturbed, we continued on. We established base camp half way up the mountain and set out to find the cave entrance. It was 10 metres from our camp (not bad considering I hadn't been up there for a fair while). It was such a glorious day I tried to talk the others out of going under ground but they threatened me with alcohol and copious amounts of cash, so down we went.

The first five metres were fine. It was then that we struck trouble. The passages were all in the wrong places, someone must have moved them. There was no other possible explanation. Without telling me, the permanent guides had changed the cave! After crawling into some very small holes we continued down the first passage we had started down until I had decided it was the wrong way. After some climbing and crawling and other caving type things we were almost to where the rope was needed. It was about now we discovered we were not alone. There was someone or something in here with us. We soon discovered what it was and adopted our new found companion as our trip mascot. It was a handsome beast (for a blow fly) though not very intelligent. It spent most of its time flying head long into our lights or trying to get inside Tim's helmet or up his nose. Anyway, after some discussion, common sense, caving knowledge and the memory of Arthur and Stephen we got to the bottom. We spent about half an hour wandering about looking at the formations and fighting of our mascot who by now had been named. Actually it had received a few names which cannot be printed here, but it seemed to respond to "Oh-get-lost" the best.

We slowly made our way back to the surface and to the still glorious day. We lost "Oh-get-lost" on the way out and despite a desperate search could not locate him. Once outside we made our way down the side of the hill in search of the entrance to Rho Hole. It was then that we heard what was now a familiar cry, charging down the hill was "Oh-go-away". He circled us once before arcing skyward and vanishing, free again, into the glorious blue Jenolan sky. We arrived back at the guides office at about 1.30pm.

The survivors where: Arthur Gray, Stephen Gray, Lee Riding, Tim Riding and myself.

*Derek Elmes*

## EVENTS

### SOCIETY CAVING TRIPS

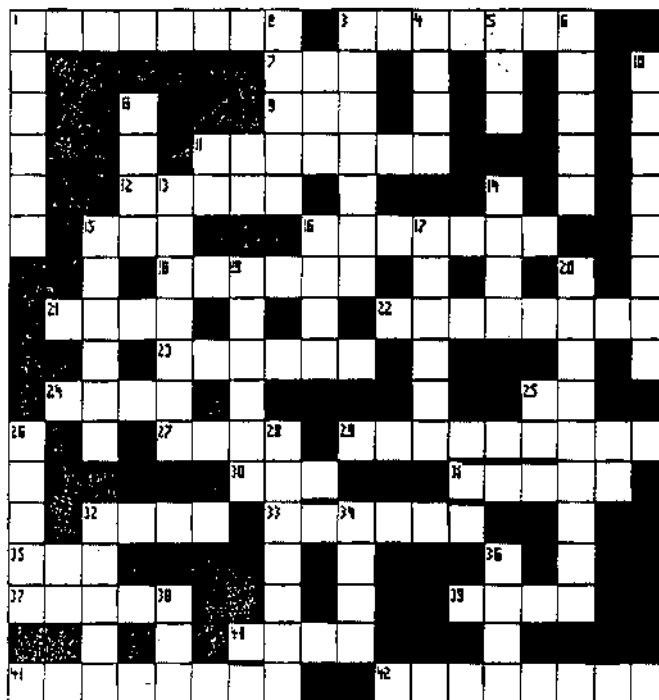
On Sunday 11th August, there will be inspections of the Elder Cave.

*Interested?*

Contact Arthur Gray on (02) 4846526.

Date of the Next Meeting: 9th November 1991

## CAVESWORD PUZZLE NUMBER 2



### Across

1. Hill near Oberon (8)
3. Show Cave at the end of the Imperial (7)
7. The acid rain \_ \_ \_ the lithology(3)
9. One of the steam cleaners(3)
11. This wing is in the Ribbon Cave (7)
12. Inspector of Caves in 1893 (5)
15. Rocks are often found in this (3)
16. J48 is its number though it is likely to contradict itself (7)
18. Jeremiah (6)
21. The Jenolan Caves Reserve covers an \_ \_ \_ \_ of 2421 hectares (4)

22. Between the Persian and the Indian (8)
23. Of shortcut fame(6)
24. Wool \_ \_ \_ \_ (4)
27. There is more than one of these in every show cave and in some places ropes would be needed they were not there (4)
29. Helectites are also known as cave what? (9)
30. The other temple is white (3)
31. Both a column and an arch share this name (5)
32. One time Minister for Mines and Prime Minister (4)

- 33. The Arabian Blanket is in this Cave (6)
- 35. Cave and a Greek letter (3)
- 37. A hollow stalactite formed by rings of calcite (5)
- 39. Lucas, Culley and Callaghan share this (4)
- 40. The last JCHAPS meeting was held in this temple (4)
- 41. Period from about 395 to 430 million years ago (8)
- 42. She provides entry to the Arch Cave (8)

Down

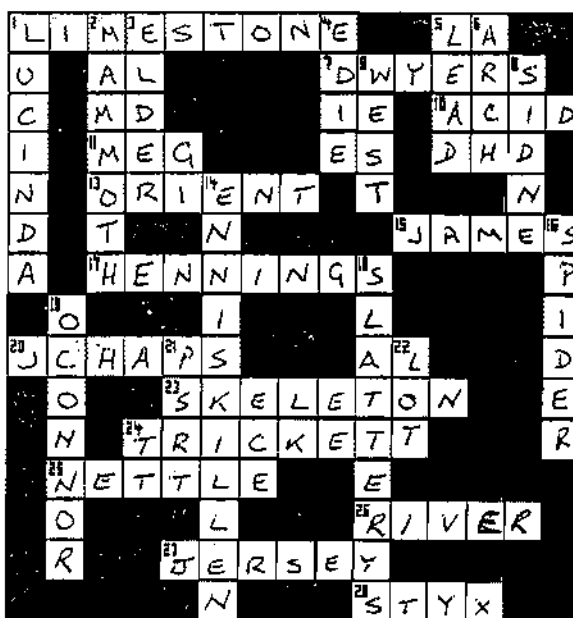
- 1. At the end of the Ribbon cave you will find this formation (6)
- 2. A girls name (5)
- 3. What we're all really on about (7)
- 4. Satin Bower \_ \_ \_ (4)
- 5. There was a jam of these in the Grand Arch after the 1919 flood(3)
- 6. You have to do this to the Grand Arch to reach Caves House by car via the 5 Mile Hill (5)

- 8. A cave is really just a \_ \_ \_ \_ in the rock (4)
- 10. Discovered by Fred Wilson in 1901 (8)
- 13. Climber and cave discoverer of renowned(7)
- 14. The oolite \_ \_ \_ \_ is in the Mammoth Cave(4)
- 15. "She's" buried in the River Cave (6)
- 16. You need to scale one of these to get to Chevalier Cave (4)
- 17. This wing is near Gabriel's (6)
- 19. There are several of these in the Cathedral (6)
- 20. Government Geologist of Chifley Cave fame (9)
- 25. 39 Across is in the Palaeozoic \_ \_ \_ (3)
- 26. You pass through to of these in the Binomea Cut (5)
- 28. The well is in here (7)
- 32. Cave formation named due to its resemblance to its marine namesake (5)
- 34. Same as 38 across (4)
- 36. \_ \_ \_ \_ of Reflections (4)
- 38. Mafeking was so named due to an event during the Boer \_ \_ \_ (3)

What's next? Well if you thought my previous offerings were difficult, I suggest you get into training for the next one. It's from someone called "My Wife Made Me Do It" - and it's CRYPTIC!!! I've also received one from Robert Lindsay - expect it in issue 71.

Answer to Cavesword Puzzle Number 1

Here's the answer to Cavesword puzzle number 1. By the way, you didn't think I was going to let you get away with some easy puzzle where all the questions were there and there was sufficient room for the answers, did you? Well, for those of you who didn't pick up the deliberate trick questions, 9 down was one letter short, i.e. the answer had six letters in it but only five spaces were provided (give yourself a round of applause if you got that one). The second and more challenging answer was the one without a question, i.e. 14 Down, "Where was Jeremiah Wilson born?" (pat yourself on the back if you worked out the answer and then worked out the question). Anyway, here are the rest of the answers.



9 Down!  
OOP'S  
Add a "Y"



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SECRETARY MELTON AND ACTIVITIES OFFICER  
MCGUIRE PLAN COUP????

It has been reported that both Secretary Scott Melton and Activities Officer Phil McGuire have been spotted on a flight to Melbourne. Why? During subtle questioning Scott claimed that he was just on a "mystery flight" and just happened to see Phil who said "What are you doing here?". Phil also claimed it was just a mystery flight and that's why his wife Barb and children Amy and Bindy were there. He denied that his statement was a pass word used by Society Subversives attempting to wrest power from the President. But was there a hidden agenda? What are these two plotting? Who else is involved? Beware the ides of August Janet! Beware!!!



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## FEATURE

### A CAVES STORY

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Writes our Mount Victoria correspondent: - A short time ago a party arrived at the Jenolan Caves too late for the caretaker to undertake the lighting up of same. Amongst the visitors was a Maori gentleman, who had nothing to do with the others. A consultation took place and the Maori being approached and made a confidant of, the caretaker was called one side and the following colloquy took place: "What will the Prince do? He has not much time, and is due at Sydney for cricket". "What Prince?". "Why Prince Ranji! He is here incognito, and does not want his name mentioned; but we know who he is and he is anxious to get through with his visit". "Oh indeed. Well, well, we must do our best and get lighted up". Joy of visitors - delight of caretaker at so illustrious a visitor - and the Caves were explored. Maybe the said caretaker, now he knows all about it, will fight shy of dark gentlemen and not be taking any princes again in a hurry.

Extract from The Lithgow Mercury, Friday, January 28, 1898.  
Supplied by Robert Lindsay.

## PRESIDENTIAL NOTES

Janet relays the following to members:

A letter has been received from Seamus O'Brien, General Manager of Caves House. The following extract should be of interest to members:

*"We would be happy to offer society members a 20% discount on our normal package rates..."*

So why not take advantage of this generous offer - not only at meeting times but at all times of the year!

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Letters have also been sent from the Society to the Oberon Shire Council, the Management of the Trust and all Trust members regarding the development of the "Grand Arch Precinct". It is not planned to reproduce these letters here. The following, however, summarises their contents:

- \* The Society does not wish to see this area developed in a way that will compromise the historic panoramas of Jenolan and detract from the historic aspects of Jenolan's proposed World Heritage Listing.
- \* The Society is concerned that it appeared the plans for the re-development were close to being submitted for Development Approval without groups with a proven interest having the chance to comment on them.
- \* The Society was concerned about the style and location of any proposed buildings in the area and that any new building should be placed sympathetically within the valley and be of the same architectural character as Caves House and other earlier buildings.

- \* The Society is aware that other groups, notably of the speleological movement, are concerned about the re-development from a scientific perspective, fearing that altered air flow may be damaging to the caves.
- \* The Society considers that it has a legitimate role to play in the proposed re-development of Jenolan and that its comments and criticisms are made in good faith and the Society is willing to discuss any aspect of the proposed re-development with the Trust.

(The above is a precis of the salient points of a letter by Janet Macfarlane (President) to the Oberon Shire Council and by Steve Oppen (Vice-president) to the General Manager and all members of the Jenolan Caves Reserve Trust by the editor.)

#### FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

*Nigel Scanlan gave his permission for the August meeting to be held in the Lucinda Chamber of the Chifley Cave. It was an enjoyable evening with 17 members braving the chilly August winds blowing through the Grand Arch to venture into the cave. Once inside and faced with a climb up to the Lucinda Chamber it did not take long to warm up.*

*Matters discussed at the meeting included progress reports on the sale of the Society fudge and T-shirts and sweat shirts. All items are still selling well and the T-shirts and sweat shirts can still be purchased from me. Copies of "Jenolan - The Golden Ages of Caving" by Basil Ralston are still available from the Ticket Office. Thanks must be conveyed to the Trust for allow us to sell the fudge and books through the Ticket Office. Special thanks also to the staff of the Ticket Office for selling the fudge and books for us.*

*Getting back to the meeting I reported that I have not carried out any further work on the review of the constitution but hope to after November when I am on my break from studies at tech. I aim to have a draft copy for the February meeting next year. Various reports and correspondence was also tabled for acceptance.*

The Manager of Caves House, Seamus O'Brien, has agreed to Society members receiving a discount of 20% off the cost of staying at Caves House. This will be appreciated by members who regularly stay at the House and I am sure you will agree that the offer is most appreciated. Thankyou Seamus and Peppers.

Many members will be aware that there are currently plans afoot to redevelop the area from the Grand Arch up to Caves House. Our President Janet Macfarlane has covered this in her report elsewhere in the newsletter (Information from Janet is relayed by the editor elsewhere Ed.) It will be interesting to see what the final outcome will be.

On the Sunday following the November meeting approval has been received for the Society to partake of a special tour through the Lucas Cave, parts of which will be by candle-light. This should prove to be an interesting inspection. For something different, the 1992 AGM will be held at the cabins at the top of the Five Mile Hill on Saturday 8th February. We aim to have a BBQ for dinner, followed by both the general meeting and the AGM. Further details will be advised in the January newsletter but it is not too early to give some thought to standing for a position on the committee next year.

As I mentioned in the last newsletter I was planning on a visit to Perth for a couple of weeks to see what the state had to offer the average tourist. Well I had an enjoyable time which included visits to various caves. I have written a separate report on my exploits in the Sandgroper State which you can read elsewhere in the newsletter.

That's about all for this column so don't forget the next meeting to be held at Jenolan on Saturday 9th November at 8.30pm. The Committee meeting will be held at 3.30pm. Check at the Guide's Office for the location. Hope to see you there.

Scott Melton  
Secretary

P.S. You may recall that in the last newsletter Derek printed a letter that we had received from Sandra Heaney who was in the Sudan. Well you could not imagine my surprise when I passed Sandra on the way to Jenolan for the last meeting. Welcome home Sandra - from all your friends in the Society.



## SENIOR GUIDE'S BIT

Nigel reports that the fencing in the Jubilee is continuing and that the new Guides uniform should be off the rack and on the Guides very shortly

## THE EDITOR'S CONTRIBUTION

Well here I am again. It's hard to believe that I'm already through 75% of the Newsletters I have to produce for the current term of office. Well I don't really have much to say here in this Newsletter other than to thank all those who have assisted me to date.

P.S. I hope that Nigel reads the first feature "A Caves Story" and takes note! Watch out Phil!

P.S.S For all those who stayed in Caves House at the last meeting you didn't think I'd really print what was going on did you?

## WHACH (What's Happening at Caves House)

Apart from the goings on at the last meeting involving a number of members, room allocations, and several bottles of port which we went go into here, there is nothing to report. To be continued...

## TRIP REPORT

I understand that our fearless Cave Trip Organiser, Arthur Gray, together with a number of members, guided by guide/member Robert Lindsay (thanks to Acting Senior Guide - Nigel Scanlan and Acting Acting Senior Guide - Debbie Connoly) went to the Elder Cave on the Sunday after the last meeting. I have not been able to contact any of the participants of this trip to date and can only assume that they have not yet returned. I understand that the guiding staff have sent Guide Geoff Lang in to find the group. Geoff is one of the guiding staffs most experienced officers when it comes to caves rescue, recently playing a pivotal roll in a rescue at Jenolan (from the Alladin Cave). Hopefully all members will be safe and we will see them all at the November meeting.

*Derek Elmes*

## CAVERS SAFE

The following report has been received from our Jenolan correspondent:

### Report on JCHAPS caving trip on 11th August 1991.

The Society arranged for a caving trip to the Elder Cave. After much discussion about the trip leader, Robert Lindsay was seconded for the job with the kind permission of acting Senior Guide Nigel Scanlan. He was ably assisted by Cathie Draheim. The party included Hardy, Aubrey and Lani Draheim, Arthur and Stephen Gray, David Cook, Tony Shuck, Stuart Brown and Sandy Bartlett.

The party departed from the Guides Office at 9.30am. Aubrey Draheim kept us well entertained with his profound questions and expert comments. David Cook, despite experiencing some difficulties with certain parts of the trip, announced that he was well satisfied having long had the desire to see the Elder Cave.

Great interest was shown in the historical names and dates in various localities. A few extensions seldom seen were entered and

inspected. The group spotted a cave cricket near the "Wendy Column".

A fun time was had by all and we returned to the Guide's Office sound in body if not in mind at 11.45am.

*Robert Lindsay*

### **Caving - Western Australian Style** by Scott Melton

"Stretch your wings Australia - let Compass look after you" is the catch cry of our newest domestic airline. Having been observed on an Ansett flight back in July with Phil McGuire (where we were accused of plotting to overthrow our leader, Janet) and on an Australian Airlines flight to Adelaide in August I thought it was time to give the newest airline a try. Perth was my destination to see what the Sandgroper State had in the way of caves and how they compared to Jenolan.

I arrived in Perth on the coolest September day for 18 years. The weather cleared by the next day for my 900km drive to Monkey Mia to see the wild dolphins which come in to visit and feed. It was interesting to see but it was a shame it is becoming very crowded with tourists. A highlight of the visit was a ride on a 21 seat hovercraft.

After Monkey Mia I drove back down the coast, spending a night in Kalbarri where I joined a scenic flight over the Murchison River Gorge and the coastline to the south of Kalbarri. My next stop was Cervantes where a visit to the Pinnacles Desert in Nambung National Park is a must. The pinnacles are eroded limestone pillars that stick up out of the yellow sand - some reaching a height of over 15 feet. Cervantes was also the sight of the oil spill from the Greek oil tanker Kirki.

Back to Perth for a few days to visit friends. While in Perth I visited Crystal Cave at Yanchep National Park. It is a medium size cave which is very close to the surface. Some nice formations were evident but with the dry conditions the pools in the cave were not

full, losing what is otherwise a nice reflection called the "Twin Cities".

To the South of Perth there lies a stretch of coastline about 100km long. In this area are some 350 caves, four of which are open to the public. The first cave visited was Yallingup which is a self guided and run by the Busselton Tourist Bureau. It is an interesting cave with a profusion of stalactites. I spend that night in Yallingup Caves House which like Jenolan Caves House now is, is run by private concerns. It is styled along the same lines as Jenolan Caves House but is not as large. It does overlook the ocean though. If in this part of WA it is well worth a stay.

The next cave visited was Mammoth Cave (seems like everywhere has a Mammoth cave!!). It is a large cave with a stream flowing through it. Lovely formations with a good assortment of straws and stalactites. At one point of our tour the guide turns off the lights and as your eyes grow accustomed to the darkness, they start to see a faint glow from the entrance which is called "The Break of Dawn" and is really quite effective.

Next stop - Lake Cave. Only a small cave but very heavily decorated. A feature of the cave is the "Suspended Table" which was formed of calcite spread across a dirt floor between two stalactites which was eventually washed away. The cave is lit with some coloured lights which are effective but don't show off the true beauty of the cave like white lights do.

Talking of lights - the management of Jewel Cave has come up with a novel system of track lighting which involves the use of fibre optic cables laid along the track. They are blue and when all the normal lights are out it gives you the feeling of walking through space. When on the platform the guide illuminates the chamber to reveal a straw formation which measures in at some 5.9m in length.

Ron Spackman, who is the Manager of the cave, related to me a story concerning the straw which I found interesting. During one tour a visitor pointed out to him the fact that the straw appeared to be swaying about 4 to 5 inches. At first Ron was disbelieving but observations revealed that it was actually swaying. Ron led the party out of the cave and then sealed both the natural and man-made entrances with tarpaulins. Subsequent checking with the Meteorology Department revealed that there was an intense low pressure system located overhead at the time which was causing the

cave to breath quite heavily. Given the length of the straw it is amazing that it did not break. Air tight doors are currently being installed.

Ron also informed me that the week before my visit there were several members of the Society and Guiding staff in the area for the Cave Management Conference. (This may be so but how do we know it was not another attempt at a coup. One that I was not even party to.) If I had known the conference was on I would have rearranges my itinerary.

The Margaret River area, which is the general name given to the caves area, is also home to some fine wineries. Let's suffice to say that I was hoping Compass could stretch its wings just a little bit further on the way home. After my visit to this area it was onto the old whaling town of Albany before climbing both Castle Rock and Bluff Knoll in one day. Never again!! Lovely view but very tiring (or is it just that I am unfit!!). Called in at Wave Rock at Hyden before heading back to Perth and home.

All in it was an enjoyable two weeks away. I travelled over 4500km in this time but it can get very lonely travelling by yourself. Compass was excellent and I would have no hesitation in recommending them to anyone contemplating flying in Australia. The service is excellent and the aircraft new and well appointed. As mentioned, Yallingup Cave House is worth a visit. If you are planning a couple of weeks away I can recommend that you give some consideration to visiting the friendly state of WA.

Scott

(There is no truth in the rumour that Scott has been employed by Compass airlines or the WA Tourist Authority. Ed.)

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Shipment overseas will be arranged for members wishing to send a JCHAPS T- or Sweat Shirt overseas - just think what fun your friends and overseas will have trying to explain what JCHAPS is in what ever language they speak to friends who have never even heard of Australia!

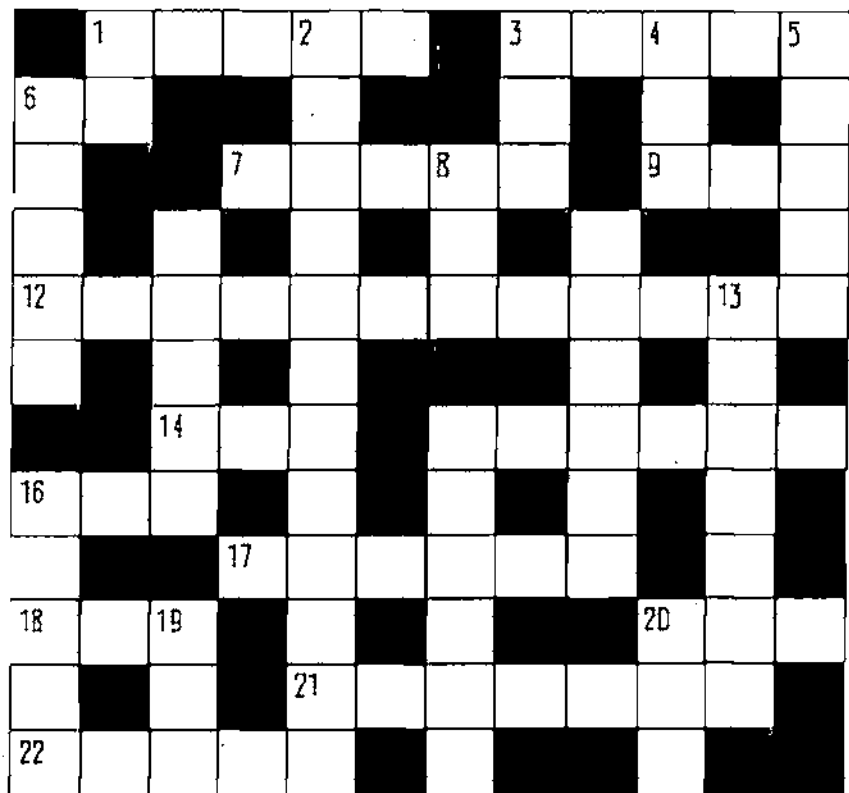
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### CAVESWORD PUZZLE NUMBER 3

(by guest author Earl Bartlett)

I would like to wish every one the best of luck with Earl Bartlett's cryptic contribution to the newsletter. The editor takes no responsibility for any frustration by any person attempting this cavesword.



### Across

1. 12 across path (5)
3. Sounds like the six million dollar mans hive has swarmed, it is a type of chemical solution (5)
6. Proceed! In diminishing order (2)
7. Little help from a long abusive speech by a primitive family group (5)
9. Ate funny flavoured water (3)
12. Insect trail from Katoomba (12)
14. Fist half of triple prefix (3)
15. Sounds like Drysdale's out to steal some cattle (6)
16. Tourist arrive by submarine? An unusual arrangement! (3)
17. Eh, my boy? Keith used to guide here (6)
18. Interesting research evidence initially aroused argen (3)
20. Run crookedly and die to get there (3)
21. Not a popular way to drink scotch at Jenolan, more so in the desert (7)
22. 1000 Arches. (5)

### Down

1. A pair? No , it just sounds like it (2)
2. Confused crustacean upon 99 non-alkaline, slow acting limestone solvent (12)
3. 'Arry 'Udson could do this on 12 across (3)
4. This isn't a ton (3)
5. Use a whip at dawn in a narrow cave (5)
6. A snake in the grass goes for the last straw (6)
8. Neither the Australian Broadcasting Tribunal nor the Totalizator Agency Board. Not even the Australian Cricket team can do this (3)
10. Former things take the easy way out (5)
11. 4 walls do not a bushrangers cave make (6)
13. This S.W. Aspect of the Everest climb belongs to us, even though it sounds like it is really Hughs' (7)
15. Hurries in water plants (6)
16. Supply of old telephone tone (5)
19. Confused are found in geological time (3)
20. Utilize usual employment (3)



Answer to Cavesword Puzzle Number 2



OK, so 25 down  
 referred to 34 instead  
 of 41 and 34 to  
 38 instead of 40.  
 Give me a break!  
 E.L.

## EVENTS

The next meeting, including the AGM, is scheduled for Saturday 11th February 1992.

Oh, by the way, big things are afoot I am told for early next year. Now these big things were going to happen in November but have been shifted to take advantage of longer days and warmer nights. Stay tuned.

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## FEATURE 1

### ANNUAL REPORT 1894

PROGRESS Report by Mr. W. S. Leigh, Superintendent of Caves, for the Years 1894. Department of Agriculture and Mines, Geological Survey Branch,

Sydney, 11 January, 1895.

Sir,

I have the honour to submit the following progress report on the Caves for the year 1894 : —

During the year I have inspected the following caves in connection with their general supervision, improvement, works, and new discoveries, &c., viz., Jenolan, Wombeyan, Yarrangobilly, Wellington, Bungonia, Abercrombie, and Rosebrook.

New discoveries were made at Jenolan, Abercrombie and Wombeyan.

At Jenolan on the 16th February, a fresh passage was found extending due east from the "Alabaster Hall" in the Slattery Cave, which leads to some large and exceptionally pretty cavities.

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The total number of visitors who signed the books at the different caves, inclusive of those to the Kanangra walls, near Jenolan, was 4,413, showing a substantial increase on the returns for last year.

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#### *Jenolan Caves*

Number of visitors, 1,038. The work of improving and opening up the new cave, which was suspended in July, 1893, on account of the retrenchment scheme, was not resumed until June, 1894, when Guide F.J. Wilson, whose services as guide were not required during the winter, was temporarily engaged to proceed with the work. With the assistance of one of the other guides, when he could be spared for this duty, very fair progress was made, inasmuch that at the commencement of the busy season, when the work was stopped, about 300 feet of passages had been opened up, and the formations protected by erecting wire-netting.

The installation of electric lights, in the Lucas Cave, has been satisfactorily accomplished. The preliminary work, viz., the erection of

dynamo and counter-shafting, &c., was completed in 1893. The remainder, embracing the whole of the work in the cave, was carried out during June and July last, by Mr. Fitzmaurice and assistants, of the Electric Light Department. The lights comprise six arc lamps, suspended in the large chambers, and about seventy incandescent lamps distributed throughout the passages. The arc lamps are well suited for this cave, the large chambers they illuminate being now seen to much better advantage.

The plantation and tracks at Jenolan, which got into a bad condition through dispensing with the services of the gardener, are now in a much improved state, the man having been temporarily re-engaged in September to put same in proper order.

Partial extract from the annual report of the Mines Department 1894.

### THE SENIOR GUIDE'S BIT

Nigel reports that the new Trust Office has opened in Oberon, that the new uniform is on the way and should be up and doing what ever uniforms do by Christmas (no year given), that Seamus O'Brien has resigned as General Manager o Caves House and that Peter Judge is acting in the position at the moment. In the caves fencing work in the Jubilee is virtually completed with the left branch all but done (should be by the time you get this) and the right branch in a similar state. He also reports that electricians Ian Guyer and Chris Smith are working in the Empress Grotto and River Cave (rewiring and lighting) and that music has returned to the Cathedral.

Yes that's right music in the Cathedral (is that Warren's truck I can hear?) emanating from a CD player with a selection of 6 CD's (is Gracie Field on CD?). Nigel hasn't said what they are and I refuse to make bad jokes on the subject (at the moment anyway). Thanks for the info Nigel (lifted from the Guides Newsletter written by Nigel by the editor).

### THE EDITOR'S CONTRIBUTION

Well here I am again. Number 4 of 4 for 1991. The next meeting will involve elections for the Committee and all that. This includes Newsletter

Editor. I'll be running for, though possibly from, the position (I'm not sure yet) and so I thought that I would give everyone a chance of considering having a go of being editor. I fearless leader congratulated me on becoming editor last year with the words - "It's one of the most hated positions in the Society". Well with that what could I do but resign. She wouldn't let me and so here I am still. Ahem. In fact the position is only as "bad" as you make it (or have other people make it). So what is the recipe for being a JCHAPS editor?

1. Access to a computer (with a word processor) and good quality printer (I use a computer with *Word for Windows* and a laser printer) OR a good quality typewriter and, for the "layout", a pair of scissors and glue.
2. Access to a photocopier OR a local printer (I use *Kwik Kopy*) who does a good job. I use a printer who not only copies but folds the newsletters for me.
3. Some time (at least 4 times a year) to allow for typing (allow a little extra time if Scott is in the writing mood), printing and posting. The worst part I found was folding and enveloping the newsletters (this isn't at all bad now my printer folds them - and Maureen (Membership Secretary) does the address labels, so its over in a trice.

## TRIP REPORT

### CAVES TOUR - NOVEMBER MEETING

Fifteen keen adventurers lined up for November's visit to the "south side" caves, exploring areas not normally visited by tourists. Our entry to the Lucas Cave was to be through the "Sole of the Boot", but first our guide Barry Richard showed us his favourite view of the valley and Caves House. This is now christened as "Barry's Retreat" and is reached from the six-foot track by a clamber up the cliff near Carlotta Arch and through a short tunnel.

Then on to the Sole of the Boot entrance, with a short nature study of a Satin Bower Bird's run on the way, and more fine views across the Jenolan River valley. Finally underground and in the Cathedral, we were treated to the first of two musical performances. The new CD player, amplifier and

stereo speakers were given a full work out, until our ears were ringing with the echoes. Next, after the group had descended rather sedately via the steps rather than down the mudslide, Cathie Draheim sang some verses from "Amazing Grace" with the tunnel providing a beautiful reverberating sound.

The rockpile was our next challenge, especially for the young ones. However there was much of interest, with one-hundred year old graffiti including signatures, dates and the outline of a (wooden) crutch. Our unexpected appearance like modern-day troglodytes caused much surprise to the members of the first scheduled tour of the day through the River Cave.

We wandered along beside the River and paid our obligatory respects to "Bertha" and visited Queen Esther's chamber. Some curious fungus growing on an empty cable drum fascinated both children and grown-ups. Then (for me) the highlight of the tour was the Red and White Temples. All the adults were induced to venture up the ladder to see the temples, with myself managing to sneak in two visits. On the return from the temples we saw the entrance to the Barralong Cave and remembered the efforts of John Culley and Ron Newbould in their discovery of a new and fragile cave system.

Finally, we climbed the steps through the Orient Cave and came out via the Binooomea Cut. The tour had taken 3 hours but thanks to the interesting and informative guidance of Barry we were sorry to leave the caves. Thanks also to Nigel for allowing us to tour the caves.

P.S. We hope to be able to tour the "north side" caves after the February Meeting.

*Arthur Gray*



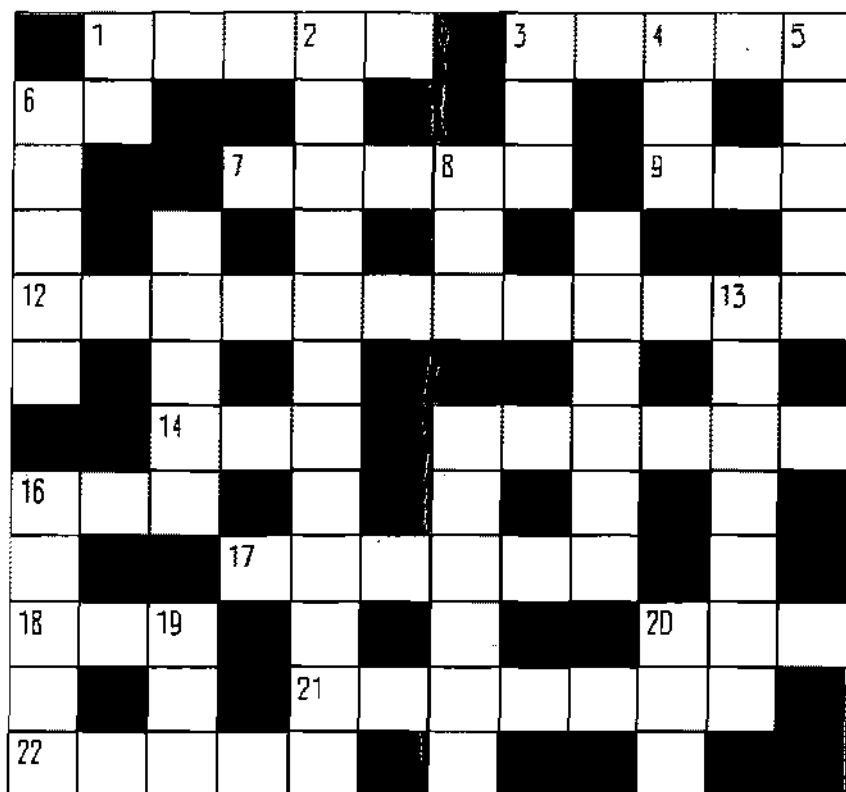
**CAVESWORD # 4 (by Robert Lindsay)**

**NEWS FLASH**

The Editor has temporarily mislaid (NOT LOST) Robert's cavesword. The Editor claims that he will find it in time for the next newsletter whether he is editor or not for the next issue. The editor says he cannot find it in time for this issue as he is suffering from a bad back and has to go to Spain to recover.

Sorry Reg. Next issue...

**ANSWERS TO CAVESWORD #3**



## FEATURE 2

### JENOLAN CAVES

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

The director of the Botanical Gardens, Mr. J. H. Maiden, accompanied by two assistants, arrived here on Saturday. With the exception of about a dozen trees they made a clean sweep of the gardens, cutting everything else out. They brought 10 cwt. of small shrubs and plants to replace the others, so now the gardens will be thoroughly in keeping with the other improvements effected here.

An iron fence is being erected to replace the wooden pickets around the gardens.

Influenza is attacking nearly every one here, going from house to house. Mr. and Mrs. F.J. Wilson are both confined to their beds. We will not be sorry when it leaves us, as the attack is in a very severe form, and those who have so far escaped are not keen on making its acquaintance.

August 8.

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Extract from the Lithgow Mercury 12th August 1898 supplied by Robert Lindsay.

### FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

The secretary has fallen foul of the editor's new strict deadlines for articles and hence there will be no "From the Secretary's Desk" in this issue.

### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The editor received three letters in recent times and they are reproduced in full below:

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**OLIVER TRICKETT**  
**Doyen of Australia's Cave Surveyors 1847 - 1934**  
by Gregory J Middleton

The Editor has recently received and enjoyed thoroughly (and even gets a mention on page 10) of this new book published by the Sydney Speleological Society (in association with JCHAPS). Reproduced here is an extract from the "blurb" (as I understand these things are called) that accompanied my copy.

*"Get your copy of this remarkable publication as soon as you can. Only 1000 copies printed and is destined to be a best seller. Twenty years in preparation, but it was time well spent. All of Oliver Trickett's known cave/area maps are reproduced in fine detail. His interesting life is traced from his birth in May, 1847, to his death in March, 1934. His prowess as a surveyor has always been known to cavers, but he was also an excellent oarsman, stockbroker, model maker, author and photographer. All this information about this remarkable man, is detailed in this well presented book."*

Copies of the book can be obtained from Ross Ellis - 11 Arkana Street, Telopea, NSW, 2117 (Phone 02 630 5384 (h), 02 212 1658 (w), 02 692 0908 (fax).

Price \$29.50 plus \$5.00 post and packaging.  
(Cheques made payable to the Sydney Speleological Society)

The following article appeared in the Monday, December 23, 1991 edition of *The Sydney Morning Herald*:

### Tourism threat to fragile caves

BY GERALDINE O'BRIEN, Heritage Writer

There are fears development may spoil one of Sydney's favourite day trip destinations, the Jenolan Caves.

Proposals to maximise the tourism potential of the caves have made conservation groups anxious for the future of what the National Trust describes as a "unique and fragile ecosystem".

The caves area, classified by the National Trust, listed on the Register of the National Estate and proposed for a World Heritage listing, is the subject of a development application being considered by Oberon Shire Council.

Mr Stephen Davies, conservation director of the National Trust, said there was concern the council proposed to rezone the area for tourism and to approve the development application over the New Year without a full environmental impact statement.

Although the trust had been involved in the discussions with the council about the area, it had not been informed of the rezoning proposal.

Nor was the trust or any other conservation or caving group represented on the Jenolan Caves Trust, which manages the site. However, the Peppers Hotel Group (lessees of Jenolan Caves House) and the NSW Tourism Commission were represented.

Mr Davies said elements of the \$1.6 million development met with National Trust approval in principle - for example, the proposal to relocate the bus-

parking area to preserve the habitat of the colony of rare spiders in the Grand Arch.

And while removal of the existing hodgepodge of kiosks and out-buildings was appealing, the excavations for a new tourist facility could pose a threat to the water system of the area.

Some consultants' reports have been commissioned by the proponents but the technical complexities meant that public groups who wished to comment on the proposal would need expert advice.

Since the development application was being exhibited by council until January 3, open public examination of, and comment upon, the proposals was made even more difficult.

This, Mr Davies said, only emphasised the need for "a full environmental impact assessment process".

The National Trust's call was echoed by the Nature Conservation Council of NSW, which represents 92 conservation groups.

While approving the principle of opening natural areas to tourism, the NCC "is adamant that this be done in a way which does not compromise the natural environment".

By rezoning as a tourist site, the area "will be wide open to abuse".

The National Trust's president, Mr Barry O'Keefe, QC, says an Environment Protection (Scientific) zoning would be more appropriate for the area.

He called on the Minister for Conservation and Land Management, Mr West, to reconstitute the Jenolan Caves

Trust to give representation to conservation and heritage interests as well as development and tourism interests.

The following article appeared in the Friday, December 27, 1991 edition of *The Sydney Morning Herald*:

### Committee seeks legal advice on Jenolan Caves plan

BY GERALDINE O'BRIEN, Heritage Writer

The Jenolan Environment Protection Committee has sought legal advice over proposed developments at Jenolan Caves.

The developments, which involve demolition of the huddle of kiosks and outbuildings, and construction of new tourist facilities, are not in the long-term interests of the area, the group says.

Its chairman, Mr Bruce Welch, said the Jenolan Environment Protection Committee had been "fighting inappropriate development within the Jenolan Caves Reserve for many years, and we are not going to give up now".

Like the National Trust, which expressed concern this week about the proposals, the committee has called for "proper representation" for conservation and heritage groups on the Jenolan Caves Trust, the managing body for the caves area.

The trust includes representatives of the NSW Tourism Commission, the Oberon Shire Council, the National Parks and Wildlife Service and the Peppers Hotel Group, holders of the 99-year lease on Jenolan Caves House.

The trust chairman, Mr Paul Rubie, of the NSW Tourism Commission, told the Herald yesterday that the trust

was formed two years ago as an interim measure and that a new trust would eventually take control of the area.

He said a scientific committee which advised the trust included representatives of speleological organisations and that a Peppers representative was included because "we have to stay in touch with the, but they only have one vote on the trust".

Mr Welch said, however, that the whole area was now tourist-driven and that his organisation opposed "any development in the limestone area which ultimately affects the caves, the very attraction that brings people there in the first place".

"If we have to wreck the resource in order to make it financially viable, perhaps we shouldn't be trying to make it financially viable" he said.

He said building work altered the drainage system which, in turn could eventually stop water percolation through the rock and ultimately stop the limestone from forming.

Jenolan attracts 250,000 visitors a year, with a ceiling of 280,000 proposed. Income from the caves is about \$2 million a year.

Mr Rubie said the trust was spending \$300,000 to \$400,000 a year in the area on weed and noxious animal eradication.

He said that while Jenolan Caves, if found in pristine state today, would not be developed, "we have inherited a historical situation and we're trying to meet as practically as possible the balance between development and conservation".

"We can't just switch the tap off and Jenolan Caves has to be a commercial enterprise because no funds are coming from anywhere else. The slogan of "no development" is one of the idealisms of the past."

The National Trust has said it is not opposed to development in principle

but that it objects to the lack of a proper environmental impact study of possible effects on what it calls this "unique and fragile ecosystem".

Mr Stephen Davies, conservation director for the National Trust, told the Herald this week the trust was concerned that Oberon Shire Council proposed to zone the area for tourism and approve the development application over the new year.

The trust believes that area should be zoned Environmental Protection (Scientific) and that the Jenolan Caves Trust should be reconstituted to represent heritage and conservation interests, a call backed by the Nature Conservation Council of NSW.

**Jenolan Caves  
Historical and Preservation Society  
Membership Application and Renewal Form**

**Rates:**

Single Membership \$10.00 per year.

Family Membership \$10.00 per year for the first member of the family PLUS  
\$3.00 per year for each additional member of the  
immediate family seeking membership.

Full Time Student \$4.00 per year.

Five year membership is available at FOUR times the annual rate.

Please make remittance payable to Jenolan Caves Historical and Preservation Society and forward together with the form below (or a copy) to the membership secretary.

Your Renewal is due (but only if the following box is marked):

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Surname: \_\_\_\_\_

First Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Children's names and ages (for family membership):  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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Please enrol me as a member for the year : \_\_\_\_\_

I enclose a cheque/money order for the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for  
Single/Family/Full time student membership.

Please forward to:

The Membership Secretary  
Jenolan Caves Historical and Preservation Society  
5 Grey Street  
Keiraville              NSW              2500

((042) 296754      Maureen Sullivan)

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**(From about 7pm onward)**





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## Next Meeting

Date: 2 May 1992  
Time: 6.00 pm  
Place: Wallaby Hall

The Committee meeting is to  
be held in the Guides Office  
at 3pm.

### 1992 Committee

**President**  
Sandra Heaney  
**Vice Presidents**  
Steve Opper  
Barry Richard  
**Secretary**  
Scott Melton  
**Assistant Secretary**  
Natalie Wheatley  
**Treasurer**  
Dimity Short  
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**Membership Secretary**  
Maureen Sullivan  
**Curators**  
Joan Edwards  
Sue Hardy  
**Research Officer**  
Joan Edwards  
**Assist. Research Officer**  
Robert Lindsay  
**Trustees**  
Janet Macfarlane  
John Culley  
John Callaghan  
**Patron**  
Harold Coates OBE  
**Newsletter Editor**  
Derek Elmes

## Meeting Dates

Saturday 2nd May 1992  
Saturday 8th August 1992  
Saturday 14th November 1992  
Saturday 13th February 1993  
Saturday 1st May 1993

Remember that the February meeting is also the AGM.

## Important Membership Information

### Membership Renewals

All membership renewals for 1992 were due on 1st January 1992. If you have a red cross on the application form in this newsletter then the records show that you need to renew your membership. Take advantage of the addressed envelope enclosed to return your form and payment - remember to affix a stamp! Ignore the cross if you have paid recently.

### Junior Member Information

Please forward the dates of birth of all junior Society members to the Membership Secretary.

## NEW DISCOVERY AT JENOLAN

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### A MARVEL OF BEAUTY

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(From our own Correspondent)

The Mines Department officials at Jenolan continue to open up the hidden beauties of the great mounds of limestone deposits in this district. Caretaker Wiburd and Guides Edwards and Dailey started off on Saturday night in search of new caves and were not long in making the most important and most beautiful discovery yet found at Jenolan. I venture to say that there is nothing here to equal Saturday's find, nor do I think is there in any other part of the State. It contains huge stalagmites fully 35ft. high and about 4ft. in diameter at the base, tapering off to a needle point. The walls which are completely covered, are "draped" with exquisitely delicate formation; and the greater proportion of the floor is pure white which had to be crossed by the party in bare feet, so as not to destroy it. In the centre of the floor is a great pool of water surrounded with snow-white crystal formation. The water therein is many feet deep but so clear that the bottom can be seen by the aid of a magnesium lamp. The cave, which is very extensive in size, is simply superb, and is beyond a doubt the finest discovery ever made in the nature of caves.

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Extract from the Lithgow Mercury dated Friday, August 5, 1904  
(Supplied by Robert Lindsay)

*(I know it says "Dailey" and not "Bailey" but that's how it appeared in the original article. Ed.)*

## JCHAPS ANNUAL REPORT 1991

I have very much pleasure in presenting a report of the Society's activities during 1991 ... in fact the Society's 20th Annual Report.

In accordance with our constitution, four committee and four general meetings were held at Jenolan during the past 12 months. Recognising the need to hold more meetings and activities in the cave environment, your committee, with the co-operation of Nigel Scanlan and his staff, endeavoured to do so in 1991.

Our General Meeting in May was held in the Temple of Baal Cave and in August we met in the Chifley Cave. We returned to the traditional meeting at Wallaby Hall in November when Patrick Larkin, a member of the Society, was our guest speaker. Patrick, a barrister and vice president of the Australian Speleological Federation, addressed the meeting on "From Bat Cave to the High Court - The Mount Etna Controversy". In February, we gathered for the first time at the Binda Cabins.

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We have been treated to some very special caving trips during 1991, led by the "best". On Sunday, 10th February, under the leadership of Ernst Holland, an appreciate group inspected the Nettle Cave. This was to be matched on Sunday, 5th May, when a fearless group led by Derek Elmes had their "trip and a half" to the Alladin Cave. Trip leader, Robert Lindsay was ably assisted by Cathie Draheim (or was it her son Aubrey) on our caving trip to the Elder Cave on Sunday, 11th August. An extended trip of the "south side" caves was conducted by Mr Verbosity himself, Barry Richard, on Sunday, 10th November. We are most grateful to all our tour leaders for their extremely interesting, informative and exciting inspections ... with a special thanks to the Reserve Trust and Nigel Scanlan for making them possible. We also appreciate the special trip reports that have appeared in our newsletters and we thank the contributors.

Clean Up Australia Day at Jenolan was on Sunday, 24th April 1992

March, was supported by members of the Society and at the conclusion of the day's activities Barry Richard led a tour of the River and Baal Caves. Throughout 1991, Anthony and Sue Hardy have painstakingly restored the Native Bird Collection which is again on public display. Our sincere thanks to them both for their dedication and our very best wishes to Anthony who has joined the NSW Ambulance Service after about seven years on the Guiding Staff at Jenolan. Presently Robert Lindsay is carrying out restoration work on the old Cave Program Board.

1991 has not been an easy year for our enthusiastic Research Officer, Joan Edwards. For a period during the latter part of the year, the Resource Centre, which was officially handed over to the control of the Society during 1990, was used without notice as a temporary Trust Office thus restricting Joan's work and necessitating the closure of the display centre. However, more recently, Joan, with the assistance of Sue Hardy and Barry Richard (two of our

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curators), have spent a considerable amount of time and effort reorganising the centre with suitable displays.

Although we have not been informed officially, it is understood that the Resource Centre is to be used as a building site office during the proposed Grand Arch Precinct redevelopment. We must continue to represent the Society responsibly through the Resource Centre but it does seem futile to expend time and funds on displays, etc. at this point in time. We are extremely grateful for all that Joan and her band of helpers have done under difficult circumstances.

Although the Society had a seemingly quiet year, much was happening behind the scenes. Our Secretary, Scott Melton has worked tirelessly on the revue of the Society's constitution and together with Sandra Heany has prepared a draft of proposed amendments.

Throughout 1991, Steve Oppen (Vice President) and I have made submissions on behalf of the Society to the Jenolan Caves Reserve Trust and Oberon Shire Council regarding the proposed

redevelopment of the Grand Arch Precinct and the proposed rezoning of the Jenolan Caves from "Preservation of Caves" to "Tourism". Whilst the Society supports the need to improve the area between Caves House and the Grand Arch, it objects to the siting of a two storey building at the western end of the portal of the Grand Arch, firmly believing that it compromises the historic aspects of Jenolan and detracts from the historic aspects of Jenolan's proposed World Heritage listing. The Society supports the positive and environmentally responsible aspects of the development proposal. In our objection to the rezoning of the Reserve, the Society stated that we believed the whole of the Reserve should be rezoned for environment protection and requested Council to prepare a draft Local Environment Plan (LEP) to bring about such a change in zoning. My personal and sincere thanks to Steve for his constant support and extensive knowledge of Jenolan that was of great assistance in the preparation of the Society's submission.

In August, the Society was pleased to receive notification from Peppers that all mem-

bers of the Society staying at Caves House would receive a 20% discount. This discount is not restricted to meeting weekends and was introduced to encourage all members to visit Caves House on a more regular basis. The previous arrangement for Committee members staying in the "historical wing" for the cost of meals only still applies but is restricted to those members carrying out specific tasks at Jenolan on behalf of the Society. In thanking Peppers for their continued encouragement and support, we welcome the newly appointed Manager of Caves House, Mr Richard Edwards, and look forward to a long and happy association.

I am pleased to report that Basil Ralston's "Jenolan - The Golden Ages of Caving" continues to sell well through the Ticket Office with 552 copies sold to date. The JCHAPS fudge was introduced in 1991 and is also available through the Ticket Office steadily adding to the Society's funds. JCHAPS T-Shirts and Sweatshirts have proved to be extremely popular with members and we thank Scott for his capable marketing efforts. The Society's lapel

and cloth badges are now available for purchase. We again thank the Reserve Trust and Richard Guy for assisting with the sales of Basil's book and Phil's fudge through the Ticket Office.

My sincere thanks to a truly superb Committee ... your enthusiasm and support during 1991 has been most encouraging. I have already thanked many of you personally throughout this report and it would be remiss of me not to mention others, particularly Treasurer Dimity Short; Membership Secretary Maureen Sullivan; Activities Officer Phil MacGuire and Newsletter Editor Derek Elmes. Special thanks again to our dedicated and hard working Secretary, Scott Melton.

I am not seeking re-election as President in 1992 and extend my best wishes and loyal support to the incoming President and Committee for

1992. To those members of the Committee who are not standing for re-election, we thank you for your support and hope you will continue to maintain and interest in the Society.

We very much appreciate the continued cooperation of the Jenolan Caves Reserve Trust in particular that of Ernst Holland, Nigel Scarlan and the Guiding Staff and also extend our gratitude to Peter Judge and the staff of Caves House.

I closed my report last year with the following - "one of the very positive results which has emerged from this year of change at Jenolan is the feeling of greater co-operation, friendship and respect which has developed between the Trust, Peppers and the Society. I am sure this augurs well for all, but more importantly, for Jenolan".

I must therefore in closing this year express my extreme disappointment that the redevelopment of the Grand Arch Precinct proceeded with no evidence of any attempt to inform groups such as the Society with a proven interest and ability to constructively participate in the management of this Public Reserve. That this occurred after the adoption of the Plan of Management based on a constructive and co-operative process with such groups is both surprising and disappointing.

The Jenolan Caves Reserve is a place which has proven to hold great significance to a wide cross section of people. We hope that the individuals and Government Departments entrusted with the management of this Public Reserve will not lose sight of this fact.

Signed (Mrs) *Janet Macfarlane*  
President  
Jenolan Caves Historical & Preservation Society  
8th February 1992

## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

Greetings Members,

For some strange reason those present at the February AGM saw fit to elect me to the onerous job of President again. After the last time you would have thought they would have used more discretion, however, I have not got any plans for running off to Africa or other remote parts so I hope that I shall be able to fulfill the trust placed in me this year.

I have a hard act to follow Janet and her committee have done a mighty job over the past two years and I offer them not only my congratulations for a job well done but also my sincere appreciation.

Congratulations to the new committee and welcome to any members who have joined its ranks for the first time, the task will not be easy but I hope we can make it pleasant and rewarding. The tyranny of distance makes our work so much the harder but thanks to that now well established historical figure Alexander Graham Bell and his modern day counter part Telecom we should be able to overcome this difficulty at least.

Twenty years down the track this year gives us cause to reflect on our achievements, they may seem few but at least we are still in there trying. It looks hopeful that we may have a "home" soon, in the old school building in number 2 car park and that the Post Office Museum may be relocated to that site. This will allow us to develop a display area and give us better storage facilities for our collection. This of course has been a dream for a long time so maybe 1992 will be the year!! Negotiations with the Trust are underway for this to happen.

We hope to organise some social gatherings to make meeting weekends more fun BUT also we are going to organise more work to help get our collection in order and the place more organised. So members don't just come for the social events come for the working bees too - please don't leave all the work to the committee - ITS' YOUR SOCIETY TOO!!





House. As this was our Annual General Meeting, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Sandra Heaney on her election to the position of President for 1992. Let us all hope that she will not be recalled to the darkest depths of Africa like last time. Congratulations are also in order to those elected to the remaining Committee positions. A full list has been published elsewhere in the newsletter. As Secretary, I hope I do not fall foul of the Newsletter Editor's strict new deadlines like last time!!!

I am sure you will join with me in welcoming the new Manager of Caves House - Mr Richard Edwards. I am sure that the Society will continue to enjoy a productive relationship with the management and staff of Caves House.

The Clean-up Australia Day held on Sunday 1st March was a success and I would like to thank all members who took part, many of who drove long distances to participate. It is a pity that we could not claim the Mercedes that went over the edge of the Two Mile as part of the clean-up. It would have certainly doubled our volume of rubbish collected. Although a large deal of rubbish was removed by Guides and Members alike, there is still a lot left to be cleared, particularly at the top of the Five Mile.

There is not much else going on at the moment so I will take leave now. Hope to see you in the meeting in May.

**Scott Melton**  
Secretary

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

We wish to welcome the following new members to JCH&PS and hope they have an enjoyable time with us:

|                                |                         |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Darren Azzopardi               | Blacktown               |
| Naomi Crago                    | Valentine               |
| Barry, Beatrice & Susan Heaney | Valentine               |
| Christopher Heaney             | Valentine               |
| David Heaney                   | Valentine               |
| Amanda Garland                 | Avalon Beach (rejoined) |
| Debbie Williams                | Chippendale             |
| David Nixon                    | Manilla                 |
| John & Susan Greaves           | Killara                 |
| David Rotherham                | Jenolan Caves           |
| Geoff Lang                     | Jenolan Caves           |

**PLEASE NOTE THE MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION LISTED  
ON PAGE TWO OF THE NEWSLETTER**

## SENIOR GUIDE'S BIT

Nigel reports that while it's been a little quiet on the caves front of late (other than some minor maintenance, some scientific work by Andy Spate, Julia James and some other scientific looking people regarding water cleaning in the Imperial and the installation of a new sump in the Jubilee) and that it has really been a "people" period.

Anthony Hardy, JCH&PS member and guide has left and joined the NSW Ambulance Service, Paul MacGuire (guide) has transferred from Jenolan to Wombeyan Caves, Steve Riley has come from Wombeyan to take up the post of a position that once was called Assistant Senior Guide (ASG) (I have no idea what wonderful title it possesses these days Ed.) and that one Mr John Callaghan has returned to take up the other position of ASG. This is very special as it means that John will have to, one day in the dim distant future, leave (assuming he does this I suppose!!) and those of us who missed the last time he left, will be able to, if he is

in agreement, re-live that night that still lives in the deeper recesses of Guide Folklore, down at the hydro! (I'll bring the spanner).

On the reserve, staff are undertaking the great wallaby round-up (which followed the great fox and feral cat feed-up) and are attempting to re-enclose at least some of the wallaby population to get their numbers up again.

*(Editorial note: I have considered renaming this section "The Manager Visitor Services Bit" but thought better of it because using Mr Macquarie's Dictionary and the notion of first principles a "Senior Guide" is: "one of higher rank or standing who leads or conducts on the way, as to a place or through a region, i.e. showing the way" while a "Manager Visitor Services" is: "one who manages one who visits with acts of helpful activities". Well? I reckon they speak for themselves and anyway, has anyone ever heard of Manager Visitor Services James Wiburd or Interpretation Officer Jack Edwards?)*

### CAVESWORD # 4 (by Robert Lindsay)

I have searched high and low for Robert's contribution and have had no luck whatsoever. I am still looking. My deepest and most voluminous apologies to Robert and those members who have gone into Cavesword withdrawal.

ANSWERS TO CAVESWORD #3

The more observant among you may have noticed a slight flaw, hardly noticeable to the casual observer regarding the answers to Cavesword #3. For those who didn't notice there were no actual words written into the answer grid. I hasten to add in attempting Earl Bartlett's puzzle I came to the conclusion that a blank grid was the correct answer. Unfortunately many of you (especially "The first really eager guy (3)") actually could answer some of the clues and hence, following threats of being made "Honorary Life Newsletter Editor", I have buckled and here are the answers (I hope).

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## NOTICE

### JENOLAN CAVES.

No person will be allowed to enter the Caves unless accompanied by the Keeper of his Assistant.

Visitors will be conducted through the Caves by the Keeper of his Assistant, who are strictly prohibited from receiving any fee or gratuity for their services.

Any person found breaking, defacing, or otherwise injuring the Caves or their improvements will be prosecuted.

The Keeper is instructed to immediately report to the Secretary for Mines the name and address of any person infringing these Regulations.

The charges for accommodation to be provided by the Keeper shall not exceed -

|                  | s. | d. |              |
|------------------|----|----|--------------|
| At private table | 3  | 0  | per meal     |
| " public table   | 2  | 0  | " 1st class. |
| " "              | 1  | 0  | " 2nd "      |
| Per bed          | 2  | 0  | 1st class.   |
| "                | 1  | 0  | 2nd "        |

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Any incivility or want of attention on the part of the Keeper or his Assistant in regard to the convenience and accommodation of visitors should be reported to the Secretary for Mines.

Visitors are requested to insert their names and addresses in the Visitors' book at the Accommodation House.

(6th May 1886)

## THE EDITOR'S CONTRIBUTION

The other night I fell asleep up the back of the AGM and when I awoke I found that someone had forged my signature and there had been one of the "one nomination for each job" type elections we've had of late and I was Newsletter Editor again. I was going to write something witty but I am not feeling very well so I think I'll go and lie down for a while. See you in July.

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FRIDAY, 4th JULY, 1992

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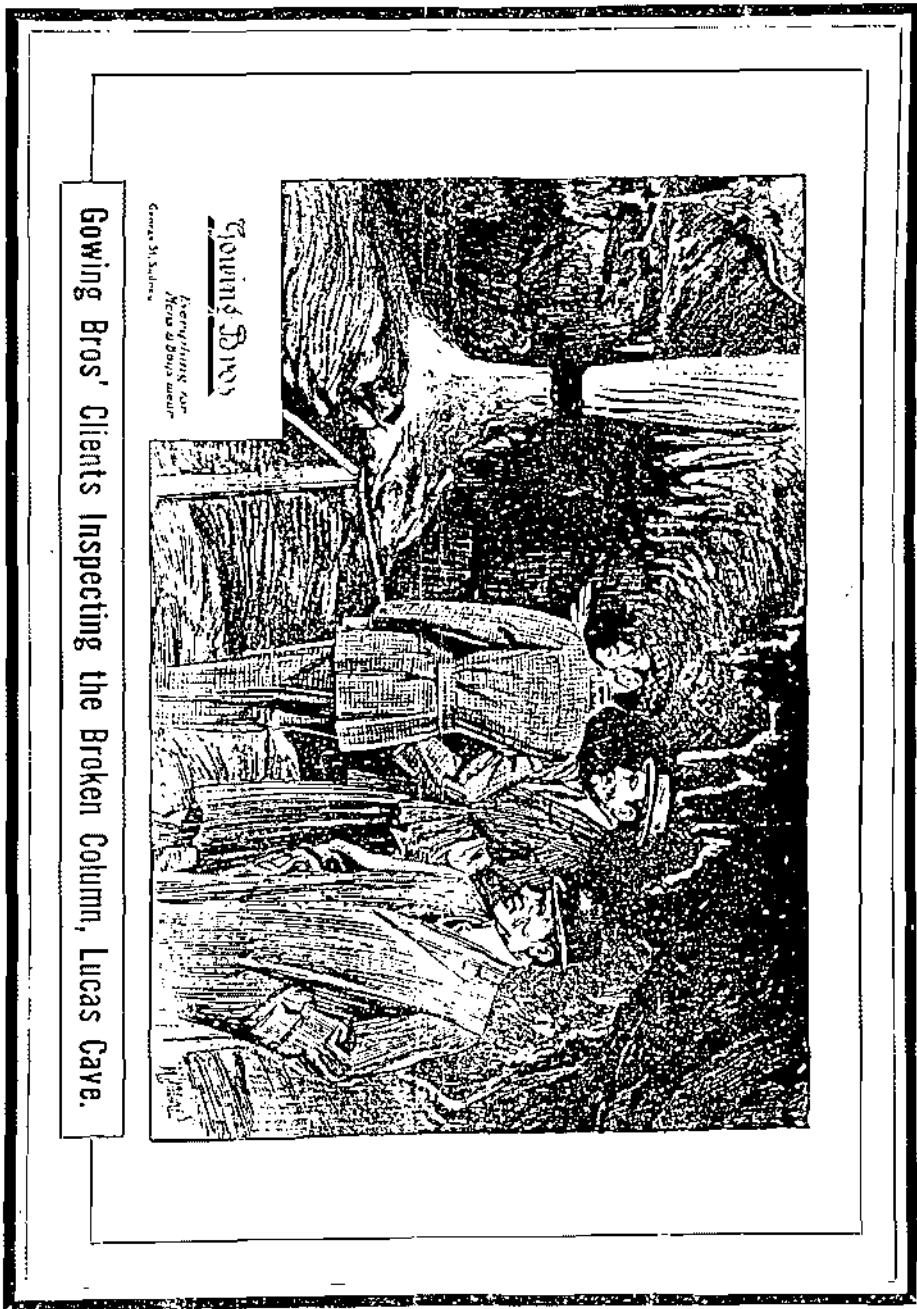
## JCHAPS ANNIVERSARY DINNER

Saturday 2nd May 1992, 8.15pm, Caves House.  
Call Scott Melton on (02) 622 0920 (AH) for details and  
bookings

**HAPPY TWENTIETH**

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Your Renewal is due (but only if the following box is marked):

\_\_\_\_\_  
Surname: \_\_\_\_\_

First Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Children's names and ages (for family membership):  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Please enrol me as a member for the year : \_\_\_\_\_

I enclose a cheque/money order for the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for  
Single/Family/Full time student membership.

Please forward to:

The Membership Secretary  
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5 Grey Street  
Keiraville      NSW                      2500

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## Next Meeting

Date: 8 August 1992  
Time: 8.30 pm  
Place: Ask at Jenolan

The Committee meeting is to be held in the Guides Office at 3pm.

#### 1992 Committee

##### **President**

Sandra Heaney

##### **Vice Presidents**

Steve Opper

Barry Richard

##### **Secretary**

Scott Melton

##### **Assistant Secretary**

Natalie Wheatley

##### **Treasurer**

Dimity Short

##### **Assistant Treasurer**

Richard Guy

##### **Membership Secretary**

Maurcen Sullivan

##### **Curators**

Joan Edwards

Sue Hardy

##### **Research Officer**

Joan Edwards

##### **Assist. Research Officer**

Robert Lindsay

##### **Trustees**

Janet Macfarlane

John Culley

John Callaghan

##### **Patron**

Harold Coates OBE

##### **Newsletter Editor**

Derek Elmes

## *Meeting Dates*

Saturday 8th August 1992

Saturday 14th November 1992

Saturday 13th February 1993

Saturday 1st May 1993

Remember that the February meeting is also the AGM.

## **Important Membership Information**

### **Membership Renewals**

All membership renewals for 1992 were due on 1st January 1992. If you had a red cross on the application form in the last Newsletter then the records show that you need to renew your membership. The fact that you have received this indicates that due to a clerical error that you're being given another chance. Ignore the cross if you have paid recently.

### **Junior Member Information**

Please forward the dates of birth of all junior Society members to the Membership Secretary if you have not already done so.

## **"Kia-Ora" Guest House Destroyed By Bushfire Caves House Threatened**

One of the biggest bushfires the district has experienced in some time is raging at present between Jenolan Caves and Jenolan Pine Forest. "Kia-Ora" guest house was completely destroyed. Mr and Mrs Corney, who had taken it over before Christmas lost practically everything they owned, whilst the fire fighters had difficulty saving the home of Mr Wilcox on the camping reserve.

Oberon, Rydal and Lowther fire brigades were in attendance and in all 200 men were present, including police and men from Lithgow. Later 200 military trainees arrived to help stem the tide.

A fire break for miles round the State Forest (12 miles from the Caves House) was burnt, and this saved the position there.

The fire started in bush near McEwan's Creek, on the Oberon side of Caves House, and before dawn "Kia-Ora" (a guest house owned by Mr H G Daley, and valued at £4000, with accommodation for 60 people) had been burned with all its furnishings. Fortunately, there were no guests in the building at the time. The lessee (Mrs E G Corney), her husband and son ran to safety in their night attire.

Before noon the five miles of winding road leading down to Caves House from the Mt Victoria side was blocked with blazing trees and until yesterday afternoon was impassable.

Meanwhile, Caves House was being seriously menaced. Fourth-officer Barber, of Sydney fire headquarters, ordered firemen to the scene from Katoomba, and sent fire officers from Sydney to take their places at Katoomba. The Oberon fire brigade was also joined by hundreds of other men from Blackheath and Katoomba, while everyone at Caves House helped with beaters and bushes to check the progress of the flames.

Breaks were burned around the main building, which was built in 1898 and had been added to until 1927. The breaks minimised the danger, and Lithgow police, who had taken charge, last night held the opinion that the danger had passed.

Newspaper article: Wednesday, January 12, 1942 (provided by Robert Lindsay).

## From the Secretary's Desk

*Well, there is not much to report on at this point of time. Things have been pretty quiet at Jenolan and elsewhere over the last couple of months.*

*Following the last meeting, a dinner was held in Caves House to celebrate twenty years of the Society. This dinner was well attended with some 25 people taking part. The meal was enjoyable and thanks must be extended to the staff of Caves House for accommodating our many requests. Thanks also to Maureen Sullivan who arranged for a JCH&PS 20th Cake; this was cut by the youngest members of the Society present - Aubrey & Lani Draheim and Sonia Hardy.*

*Another cake was also cut; this time by the suitably "embarrassed" Stephen Gray whose birthday always seems to coincide with the May meeting weekend. Happy Birthday Stephen and Happy Birthday JCH&PS. Let's all hope that the Society will continue for another twenty years.*

*AT 9am on the following day, a band of merry helpers climbed aboard Peter Culley's truck for a trip to the old cricket pitch located in McKeown's Valley. These "brave" soles cleared the pitch, dug out the old broken concrete and then formed up the sides. Concrete was poured and the end result was quite pleasing. Anyone for a game? Thanks must be extended to Peter and the Trust for supplying the materials needed and thanks to those members who took part.*

*The next meeting will be held at Jenolan on Saturday 8th August. The Committee Meeting will most probably be held in "Tropical Heights" (upstairs in the Guides Office, ed.). Check at Jenolan for the location of the General Meeting although it will probably be in the "Tropical Heights" as well. The Committee Meeting will start at 3pm and the General Meeting will start at 8.30pm. If anyone would like to have Dinner in Caves House, could they let me know by 6 August so that I can make the necessary arrangements with the Dining Room. Dinner will be at 6pm.*

*That's about all for now so I look forward to seeing you at the meeting.*

**Scott Melton, Secretary**

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

We wish to welcome the following new members to JCH&PS and hope they have an enjoyable time with us:

|                |                 |                |               |
|----------------|-----------------|----------------|---------------|
| Henry Sproule  | Oakdale         | Chris McIntyre | Chester Hill  |
| Suzanne Mackay | French's Forest | Robert Hardie  | Homebush      |
| Phillip Pucci  | French's Forest | Nancy Hardie   | Homebush      |
| Vicki Crowe    | Mortdale        | Lissy Willkomm | Jenolan Caves |
| David McCarthy | Ruse            |                |               |

## SENIOR GUIDE'S BIT

Nigel reports that he's off to New Zealand at the end of July to spend some time at the Waitomo Caves on some exchange thing. Robert Tahī (from New Zealand) will be here in exchange and will spend time at Jenolan, Wombeyan, and Buchan Caves. Another visitor from New Zealand to Jenolan was Angi King-Turner, the Manager of Te Anau caves in the South Island of NZ.

Nigel also reports that fencing is continuing in the Jubilee, the Well stairs in the Orient have been resurfaced and that new handrails have been put into the Lucas.

John Callaghan, Steven Riley and Ken Buckley assisted Bev Milne at the Melbourne and Sydney Holiday and Travel Shows where they promoted Jenolan (and I assume Wombeyan and Abercrombie). John "Megastar" Callaghan also appeared on Channel Nine's "Sydney Extra" which did a spot on Jenolan (*the editor only caught a bit of this but obviously the power was out at the time because John was holding onto a candle - still having problems with lack of light eh John?*).

The Wallaby program is apparently going well with two female (with young) and one male captured and released into the Wallaby enclosure. Talking of the Wallabies, a group called "Artist for Life" is organising a number of things in the Mountains in support for endangered species. Jenolan is involved (especially in regard to the Brush Tailed Rock Wallabies and the Sooty Owl). Concerts are planned for the Devil's Coachhouse and the Cathedral in the Lucas Cave on the weekend of October 31-November 1. In the week prior to this they are organising special "theme" trips for school groups. They are after volunteers so anyone interested in helping out should get in contact with Nigel or the Megastar at the guides office. John Callaghan can also be contacted regarding any other information on the festivities.

## THE EDITOR'S CONTRIBUTION

This is my third last edition of the Newsletter. I will not be running for a position on the Committee next year as I have been offered, and have accepted, a position with Stamford University (the one in America) located in Kenya (the one in Africa). I will be departing shortly after the 1993 AGM to take up the role of Projects Manager on Stamford's *Mountain Gorilla Monitoring Program*. In 1993-94 we will be studying the dietary habits of the gorillas. I will be staying in a place called Bicunkel that is Stamford's research institute in the Province of Oolangudo (someone has told me in English this means "Valley Fruit" or if one is to be literal "Valley Melons" or "Melon's of the Valley" - you cannot say they don't have imaginative names!). I am told that the views from beyond the windowsill of the accommodation huts (ignoring the roosters and oxen (oxi?)) are quite spectacular. Hopefully I will not run into too many Civil Wars (is there really such a thing as a Civil War?).

Anyway I've still got two issues to go, so more later.

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(ask him about JCH&PS metal badges and cloth patches too.)

## JENOLAN CAVES

### THE RECENT DISCOVERIES

Mr. O. Trickett, Superintendent of Caves, has furnished the Minister of Mines with the following report respecting the Jenolan Caves:- "I have examined and measured the new branches of the Lucas Cave, discovered by Caretaker Wiburd and Guides Edwards and Bailey on July 30. They are 10 chains in length and rise about 200ft above the level of the underground waterway. The caverns are surpassingly beautiful, and are decorated from end to end. There are 'shawls' 8ft. in diameter, massive fluted columns 30ft. high, clear pools with crystal floors 15ft. in diameter, and 'shawls' with translucent white bands alternating with very dark bands. The variety of tints exhibited by the formations is not quite equalled in any other cave at Jenolan. For beauty, variety, and grandeur it is difficult to imagine anything to surpass the caverns of the two new branches of the Lucas Cave."

Lithgow Mercury (?) 1904 (provided by Robert Lindsay).



## **Karst Conservation**

"Following a six month 'incubation period' the National Parks & Wildlife (Karst Conservation) Amendment Bill passed both Houses of Parliament in early December 1991. The innovative move to safeguard cave systems of karst on private land without acquiring the overlying land found widespread support in Parliament as a sensible method of cave conservation with widespread application.

"Now that the Bill has been enacted, successful implementation will require NPWS to draw up conservation agreements with co-operative land owners. Over the last six months, the Minister for The Environment has consulted with speleological groups to examine the ramifications of the amendment and investigate likely karst candidates for conservation agreements."

Extract from "State of the Environment" (No 1, 1992) (supplied by Editor).



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## Next Meeting

Date: 14th Nov. 1992

Time: 11 am

Place: Jenolan Caves

Smoke Concert: 8.30 pm

The Committee meeting is to be held in conjunction with the general meeting.

Jenolan Caves Historical & Preservation Society  
Constitution

"That section twenty be amended to read:-

20. Amendments to Constitution

This constitution may be amended by a three fifths majority of those in attendance at a General Meeting, provided twenty eight days notice of the proposed amendment has been circulated to all members."

"That section twenty one be amended to:-

21. Dissolution

The Society may be dissolved as follows:-

- a) The Society shall be dissolved in the event of a membership of less than four persons (but must not be less than three) or upon the vote of a three quarter majority of members present at a special General Meeting convened to consider such a question;
- b) Upon resolution being passed in accordance with paragraph a) of this rule, all assets and funds of the Society on hand shall, after the payment of all expenses and liabilities, be handed over to such registered or exempted charity or charities as a simple majority of the members at the special General Meeting so convened, or at a subsequent special General Meeting may decide."

"That section twenty two be amended to read:-

22. Winding Up

"In the event of the winding up of the Society the assets of the Society shall be disposed of as follows:-

- a) Items of historical and scientific interest shall be offered firstly to the Library of New South Wales, secondly to the Royal Australian Historical Society, thirdly to the Australian Museum and fourthly to The Powerhouse and Earth Exchange Museums;
- b) All other assets excluding money shall be publicly auctioned;
- c) All monies realised and all other monies less the expenses of winding up shall be given to the Royal Australian Historical Society for the furtherance of its aims."

Jenolan Caves Historical & Preservation Society  
Constitution

"That section eighteen be amended to read:-

18. Resignations

Any member may resign their membership by sending their resignation in writing to the committee and paying up any arrears of subscriptions due by them for the preceding two years and upon such resignation being accepted by the Committee, they shall cease to be a member."

"That section nineteen be amended to read:-

19. Vacation of Office

The office of a member of the Committee or of a Trustee shall become vacant:-

- a) Upon their death;
- b) If they are found guilty of a criminal offence;
- c) If they become bankrupt or make any arrangement or composition with their creditors generally;
- d) If they become mentally ill or a person whose person or estate is liable to be dealt with, in any way under the law relating to mental health;
- e) If they resign their office by notice in writing to the Committee, and subject to its acceptance;
- f) If they are absent for more than six months without leave of the Committee from meetings of the Committee held during that period;
- g) If they cease to be a member of the Society;
- h) Upon a resolution being passed by a two thirds majority of members present at a properly constituted special General Meeting called for the purpose of removing them from office;
- i) If they hold any office of profit under the Society;
- j) If they are directly or indirectly interested in any contract or proposed contract with the Society."

Jenolan Caves Historical & Preservation Society  
Constitution

"That section fifteen be amended to read:-

15. Committee responsibilities

The Committee is charged with the following responsibilities:-

- a) To administer the Society in line with the objects of same;
- b) To meet at least every three months unless more frequent meetings are required as determined by business to hand. It will be preferable to hold such meetings coincident with the quarterly General Meetings of the Society;
- c) To be accountable to all members of the Society;
- d) To appoint sub-committees as the need may arise;
- e) To act in an appropriate manner at all times.

In order to be elected to a Committee position, a member must be of legal voting age."

"That section sixteen be amended to read:-

16. Election of Committee Members

Elections shall be by secret ballot and any equality in voting shall be resolved by lot. Nominations are to be in writing, signed by the nominee, proposer and seconder. Nominees should preferably be in attendance at the Annual General Meeting however, their absence will be accepted if fourteen days written notification of their absence is received. Nominations may also be received from the floor of the meeting.

The ballot papers shall show the candidates names in order determined by lot."

"That section seventeen be amended to read:-

17. Quorum

The quorum at a General Meeting or Annual General Meeting of the Society shall be ten financial members.

The quorum at a Committee Meeting shall be five members of the Committee."

Jenolan Caves Historical & Preservation Society  
Constitution

"That section fourteen be amended to read:-

14. Office Bearers

At the Annual General Meeting of the Society a Committee comprising of the following shall be elected:-

- a) President;
- b) Two Vice Presidents;
- c) Secretary;
- d) Assistant Secretary;
- e) Treasurer;
- f) Assistant Treasurer;
- g) Membership Secretary;
- h) Two Curators;
- i) Research Officer;
- j) Newsletter Editor;
- k) One representative from the Jenolan Caves Reserve Trust and one representative from the lessee of Jenolan Caves House;
- l) Six additional members.

At the Annual General Meeting a Patron will be elected."

Jenolan Caves Historical & Preservation Society  
Constitution

"That section twelve be amended to read:-

12. Expulsion of Members

Any member may be expelled from membership of the Society by the Committee if in the opinion of the Committee, after affording such member an opportunity of offering the Committee an explanation of their conduct either verbally or in writing, that the conduct of the member is such as to be detrimental to the best interests of the Society, provided that:-

- a) Such expulsion shall not be effective unless it is confirmed by a majority of members present at a special General Meeting of members convened to consider the expulsion;
- b) Such General Meeting is held within a period of one month from the date of the decision of the Committee to expel the member;
- c) At such special General Meeting the member whose expulsion is under consideration shall be allowed to offer an explanation of their conduct verbally or in writing at the option of such member;
- d) The voting of such special General Meeting shall be by ballot if not less than five members present shall so demand;
- e) It shall be in the power of the Committee to exclude such member from participation in the affairs of the Society until such special General Meeting shall be held."

"That section thirteen be amended to read:-

13. Trustees

The position of Trustee of the Society shall be as follows:-

- a) Three Trustees (who may be members of the Society or Committee) shall be elected at a properly constituted General Meeting;
- b) All property of whatever kind belonging to the Society shall be vested in the Trustees and they shall have custody of all deeds and documents of title relating to the property of the Society and shall be responsible for the same and shall deal with and dispose of all the property of the Society whether real or personal for the time being vested in them and the income thereof in accordance with the violation of the trusts upon which the property is held."

Jenolan Caves Historical & Preservation Society  
Constitution

"That section ten be amended to read:-

10. Audit

All financial records and transactions of the Society are subject to audit as follows:-

- a) The auditor or auditors shall be selected at the Annual General Meeting. They shall examine all accounts, vouchers, receipts, books, etc., and furnish a report thereon to the members at the Annual General Meeting. Audits shall be conducted at regular intervals of not more than twelve months;
- b) An Auditor shall not be a member or closely related to a member of the Committee;
- c) Subject to paragraph d) hereof notice of the intention to nominate an auditor to replace the current auditor shall be given to the Secretary at least twenty one days before the Annual General Meeting. The Secretary shall send a copy of the nomination to the current auditor at least seven days before the Annual General Meeting. The current auditor shall be entitled to attend the Annual General Meeting and if they so wish be heard at same;
- d) Where the current auditor submits their resignation, or notifies the Secretary of their intention not to seek re-selection as auditor, paragraph c) hereof shall not apply."

"That section eleven be amended to read:-

11. Minutes

The Committee shall cause minutes to be made of:-

- a) All appointments of office bearers and members of the Committee;
- b) The names of members of the Committee present at all meetings of the Society and meetings of the Committee;
- c) All proceedings at all meetings of the Society and meetings of the Committee.

Such minutes shall be signed by the chairperson of the meeting at which the proceedings were held or by the chairperson of the next succeeding meeting."



Jenolan Caves Historical & Preservation Society  
Constitution

"That section nine be amended to read:-

9. Society Funds and Accounts

The following applies in respect of Society funds and accounts:-

- a) All monies received by the Society shall be deposited at the earliest possible date to the credit of the Society's accounts. Receipts for monies received shall be issued promptly. The Treasurer must be notified at the earliest convenience of all deposits made to Society accounts.

The Committee may authorise appropriate investment of a proportion of the Society's accumulated funds in a recognised financial institution. Where possible, these investments should be Government guaranteed:

- b) All payments \$20.00 or greater made by the Society shall be paid by cheque signed by any two of the President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Payments less than \$20.00 may be paid by cash but must be accounted for in writing and forwarded to the Treasurer by the 25th day of the months of March, June, September and December:

- c) All Society members authorised to make payments must present an itemised claim sheet to the Committee for payment approval. Where possible, receipts or other evidence of payment should be provided.

Authorisation to make payments may be granted to members as determined by any two of the President, Secretary and Treasurer. The following Committee members shall be deemed to have this authority upon their election to office; President, Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Membership Secretary and Newsletter Editor:

- d) All accounts shall be presented to and passed for payment at a Committee meeting and full details of such approvals shall be entered in the minutes of the meeting;
- e) The Treasurer shall be required to submit quarterly financial statements for the preceding quarter prior to each general meeting. Also, the Society's financial records are to be closed off as at 31st December each year and an audited statement of receipts and expenditure be prepared for presentation at the Annual General Meeting in February of the ensuing year."

Jenolan Caves Historical & Preservation Society  
Constitution

"That section eight be amended to read:-

8. Subscriptions

Subscription to the Society shall be as follows:-

a) The subscription shall be determined by the Committee and be reviewed annually at the Annual General Meeting subject to the increasing costs of conducting Society business. Until determined otherwise, the current subscription rates shall be as per item b);

b) The annual subscription to the Society will be:-

Single - \$10.00

Family - \$10.00 for the first adult and \$3.00 for each additional member of the same immediate family living at the same address.

Student- \$4.00 until the age of eighteen upon which evidence of full time study must be produced to remain eligible for this rate. Upon reaching the age of twenty five full membership rates are payable. The date of birth of student members is to be supplied.

Pensioner- \$5.00

Child  
under five- Free

Five year membership of the Society will be offered to interested persons at four times the annual subscription rate. Persons availing of this option will be advised via the Society Newsletter upon expiry of such membership.

Life membership of the Society may be procured for a sum of \$500.00. Recognition of this payment will be made by the inclusion of the members name on a special honour roll to hang in an appropriate location at Jenolan Caves.

Concession Cave Inspection Tickets will be forwarded annually to all members upon payment of annual subscriptions dues. Such tickets will automatically be forwarded to Life and Honorary Life Members. Those members accepting the five year option will receive their tickets upon payment/renewal of their membership. This concession is not available on public holidays, public holiday weekends or during school holidays. They are only available for those cave tours for which a child's concession is available;

c) Any new member who joins the Society within three months of the end of the financial year of the Society shall be deemed to be financial for the ensuing financial year;

d) Any member who does not renew a subscription within six months of the expiration of same shall be deemed to be unfinancial and shall automatically cease to be a member of the Society. Should a member wish to renew their membership within a period of two years of it lapsing they shall be liable for all outstanding membership fees due to the Society. Notification of the expiration of membership shall be by way of a cross placed on the society's newsletter posted to the members last known address. A lapsed member rejoining after two years will be deemed to be a new member."

Jenolan Caves Historical & Preservation Society  
Constitution

"That section seven be amended to read:-

7. Meeting Procedures

The following meeting procedures shall apply:-

- a) The President shall preside as chairperson at every General and Annual General Meeting of the Society, but if that person is not present within fifteen minutes of the time appointed for the holding of the meeting or is unwilling to act then the members present shall elect one of their number to be chairperson of the meeting, a simple majority sufficing;
- b) The chairperson may, with the consent of any meeting at which a quorum is present and shall if so directed by the meeting, adjourn the meeting from time to time and from place to place but no business shall be transacted at any adjourned meeting other than the business left unfinished at the meeting from which the adjournment took place. When a meeting is adjourned for thirty days or more notice of the adjourned meeting shall be given as in the case of an original meeting. Save as aforesaid it shall not be necessary to give any notice of an adjournment of the business to be transacted at an adjourned meeting;
- c) At any General Meeting a resolution put to the vote of a meeting shall be decided on a show of hands unless a poll is (before or on the declaration of the result of the show of hands) demanded by the chairperson or by at least three members present. Unless a poll is so demanded a declaration by the chairperson that a resolution has on a show of hands been carried or carried unanimously, or by a particular majority, or lost, and an entry to that effect in the minutes of the proceedings of the Society shall be conclusive evidence or the fact without proof of the number or proportion of votes recorded in favour of or against the resolution. The demand for a poll may be withdrawn;
- d) If a poll is duly demanded it shall be taken in such a manner and either at once or after an interval or adjournment or otherwise as the chairperson directs and the result of the poll shall be the resolution of the meeting at which the poll was demanded but a poll demanded on the election of a chairperson or on a question of adjournment shall be taken forthwith;
- e) In the case of an equality of votes, whether on a show of hands or on a poll, the chairperson of the meeting at which the show of hands takes place or at which a poll is demanded shall be entitled to a second or casting vote;
- f) Each financial member of legal voting age present and voting at a General Meeting of the Society shall have one vote;
- g) Meetings shall be conducted in an orderly fashion and are not to exceed two hours in duration with a maximum extension of fifteen minutes to allow for the conclusion of urgent business."

Jenolan Caves Historical & Preservation Society  
Constitution

"That section five be amended to read:-

5. General Meeting

A General Meeting shall be held on the second Saturday of the months of February, August and November and on the first Saturday of the month of May, unless determined otherwise by the Committee. At least twenty eight days notice of such meeting shall be given to each member in the Society's newsletter, posted to their last known address however, accidental omission to give notice to any member shall not invalidate the meeting.

Unless determined otherwise by the Committee these meetings shall commence promptly at 8.30pm."

"That section six be amended to read:-

6. Special General Meetings

Any two members of the Committee may at any time convene a Special General Meeting of the Society. Such meetings shall be convened by the Secretary upon the written request, stating the reasons for the request, of any two members of the Society to the Committee. Such a meeting shall be held within a period of one month, where possible, from the date of the receipt of the request. Should the Committee deem the request not to be of a serious nature, the Committee has the power to holdover discussion on the request to the next General Meeting."

Jenolan Caves Historical & Preservation Society  
Constitution

"That section three be amended to read:-

3. Membership

The following shall apply in respect to membership:-

- a) Membership shall be open to all persons subscribing to the objects of the Society and paying the prescribed fee. The Committee shall have the right to refuse membership to any person if just cause can be shown;
- b) A register of members shall be kept showing in respect of every member their name, address, phone number and the date membership commenced. Further, that the ages of junior members or student identification numbers be provided on application for membership;
- c) Any member may be eligible for Honorary Life Membership of the Society subject to nomination by a financial member of the Society. Notice of this nomination is required in writing for publication in the Society's newsletter preceding the next Annual General Meeting. This nomination shall indicate the reasons why the member should be regarded as worthy of this award. This award will be acknowledged by the inclusion of the members name on a special honour roll to hang in an appropriate location at Jenolan Caves."

"That section four be amended to read:-

4. Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting shall be held within two months of the end of the financial year of the Society ending 31st December. At least twenty eight days notice of such meeting shall be given to each member in the Society's newsletter, posted to their last known address however, accidental omission to give notice to any member shall not invalidate the meeting.

Unless determined otherwise by the Committee this meeting will be held to coincide with the February General Meeting."

Jenolan Caves Historical & Preservation Society  
Constitution

NOTICES OF MOTION:

"That section one be amended to read:-

1. Name

The full and correct name of the Society shall be "THE JENOLAN CAVES HISTORICAL AND PRESERVATION SOCIETY" herein after called "The Society".

"That section two be amended to read:-

2. Objects

The objects of the Society shall be:-

- a) To encourage the study of the history of both the Jenolan Caves District and Australian Cave Systems;
- b) To promote the compilation of authentic records relating to the Jenolan Caves District and Australian Cave Systems;
- c) To acquire, either by purchase, donation or otherwise, and preserve for the use of the Society all such objects and materials considered by the committee to have a bearing on Australian and/or Cave History and to establish, form, furnish and maintain libraries, museums and picture galleries;
- d) To promote interchange of information among members of the Society by lectures, readings, discussions and exhibitions of historical artefacts;
- e) To print, publish and circulate such journals, periodicals, books and other literary publications and undertakings as may seem conducive to any of the objects of the Society;
- f) To co-operate with similar Societies throughout Australia and internationally;
- g) To provide social interaction for members;
- h) To do all such other things as are conducive or incidental to the attainment of any or all of the above objects."

The Jenolan Caves Historical & Preservation Society presents a

# SMOKE CONCERT

at  
8.30 pm, Saturday 14th November 1992  
in the  
GRAND ARCH

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BBQ (run the Bush Fire Brigade)  
&  
BAR (hopefully)

BYO folding chair or similar (if possible)

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## THE PERFORMERS

*including:*

Talison      Margaret Bradford      Mike O'Hearn  
Roaring 40's      Judy Pender      Peter Hicks  
& Others

Master of Ceremonies:      **Mr Keith Watson**

## From the Secretary's Desk

*This will be my last "From the Secretary's Desk" for six months. The reason for this is that I am going to the USA and Europe one and a half weeks after the November meeting and will not be back until the week before the February AGM. I will be experiencing my first white Christmas which I am looking forward to and I will also be catching up with some friends. I also hope to visit Michael and Boronia Chilcott in Switzerland. Michael was Secretary of the Society until his transfer to the land of chocolate and yodelling. Some of the more interesting activities I hope to undertake include a visit to Death Valley in the USA, Yosemite, Oregon Caves National Monument, Boeing Aircraft Factory, cross country skiing in Yellowstone National Park, a hot air balloon ride over the Rocky Mountains, Carsbad Caverns and the Grand Canyon. I will also be giving a talk to some Elementary School Students in Virginia on the Australian way of life. I think the highlight of the European part of the holiday will be a ride on the TGV Atlantique which is the fastest train in the world and currently holds the world rail speed record of 515.3 km/h. I will include a trip report in the April newsletter.*

*Getting back to Jenolan for a moment, you will find enclosed 22 "Proposed Notices of Motion for the 1993 Annual General Meeting". You may be aware that Sandra and I have been working on the constitution for the last nine months with the help of some Society members. We finally feel that we have a satisfactory constitution prepared and all that is needed is for it to be officially adopted at the next AGM. Please read through the constitution and be prepared to vote on each notice of motion.*

*I am sure you will join me in wish Peter Judge (Assistant Manager Caves House [more often than not Acting Manager, ed.]) all the best at his new position at Peppers Pokolbin in the Hunter Valley. Peter was transferred not long after the May meeting. Welcome also to the new manager of Caves House, Mr Dennis Winchester. We hope your stay at Jenolan is a memorable one and look forward to continuing the good relationship that the Society has with Peppers.*

*Not much else to report on at the moment so I will close for now. As I will be absent at Christmas, I would like to take this opportunity (even if it is early) to wish all members and their families the best for the festive season and the coming New Year.*

**Scott Melton** Secretary

**CLOSING DATE FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE NEXT NEWSLETTER  
FRIDAY, 20th December, 1992**



**Jenolan Caves  
Historical and Preservation Society  
Membership Application and Renewal Form**

**Rates:**

Single Membership \$10.00 per year.

Family Membership \$10.00 per year for the first member of the family PLUS  
\$3.00 per year for each additional member of the  
immediate family seeking membership.

Full Time Student \$4.00 per year.

Five year membership is available at FOUR times the annual rate.

Please make remittance payable to Jenolan Caves Historical and Preservation Society and forward together with the form below (or a copy) to the membership secretary.

Your Renewal is due (but only if the following box is marked):

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Surname: \_\_\_\_\_

First Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Children's names and ages (for family membership):  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Post Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership: New/Renewal                      Period: One/Five year

Please enrol me as a member for the year : \_\_\_\_\_

I enclose a cheque/money order for the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for  
Single/Family/Full time student membership.

Please forward to:

The Membership Secretary  
Jenolan Caves Historical and Preservation Society  
5 Grey Street  
Keiraville            NSW            2500

((042) 296754    Maureen Sullivan)



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Historical  
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## Next Meeting

INCLUDING ANNUAL  
GENERAL MEETING

Date: 13th Feb. 1993

Time: 8.30 pm

Place: Jenolan Caves

The Committee meeting is to be held at 3pm in the Guide's Office.

**1992 Committee**

**President**

Sandra Heaney

**Vice Presidents**

Steve Opper

Barry Richard

**Secretary**

Scott Melton

**Assistant Secretary**

Natalie Wheatley

**Treasurer**

Dimity Short

**Assistant Treasurer**

Richard Guy

**Membership Secretary**

Maureen Sullivan

**Curators**

Joan Edwards

Sue Hardy

**Research Officer**

Joan Edwards

**Assist. Research Officer**

Robert Lindsay

**Trustees**

Janet Macfarlane

John Culley

John Callaghan

**Patron**

Harold Coates OBE

**Newsletter Editor**

Derek Elmes

## *Meeting Dates*

Saturday 1st May 1993

Meeting dates for 1993-94 should be available in the next newsletter.

## **IMPORTANT MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION**

Membership renewals are now due. If you have a red cross in the box in the enclosed form it means that you need to renew your membership.

Take advantage of the five year membership offer and avoid the yearly reminder and just put up with it twice a decade!

## MORE CAVE DISCOVERIES

Some more caves have (says the *Evening News*) been discovered in the Burratorang district, which naturally surpass in beauty any ever discovered before. Every fresh discovery always eclipses all former ones. But honestly, is New South Wales in want of any more caves. The Jenolan Caves have been pretty well written to death, and if we are to have a series of such caves, and they are all to form subjects for long and prosy descriptions by prosy writers, why the patience of the New South Wales public will revolt, and it will become penal to discuss fresh caves. Discovering caves seems to be becoming as common a weakness -- an amiable weakness, we admit -- as writing poetry, and the two offences in future will have to be dealt with on a common footing. At present the Australian poet and his admirers are a district nuisance. Formerly we could never get up in the morning without being informed that some gifted amateur had issued a new waltz. Now that craze has died, and we cannot go out without being pelted with a new book of Australian poems. If cave-discovering goes on at the same rate, legislation will have to be adopted. The Burratorang Valley, by the way, is supposed to have suggested the description of the place where the stolen cattle were planted in "Robbery Under Arms."

(An amazing scrap from The Lithgow Mercury - Friday 31 March 1899 supplied by Robert Lindsay. I leave it up to you, the reader, to decide if the anonymous columnist is a serious critic or a humorist.)

## Annual Report 1904

The following is the report on the Limestone Caves, by O. Trickett, L.S., M.S.:-

### JENOLAN CAVES

The Government Printer reported that the issue of the Guide Book had been sold out at a profit. In view of this successful result a new issue is now being prepared which will include illustrations of the "River Cave".

In February a cottage was leased for the use of Guide Edwards.

After running successfully for thirteen years the Leffel Wheel, used with the electric light supply, has been thoroughly repaired.

Extensive damage was caused by floods during the winter to the tracks leading from the camping grounds, and to the creek retaining walls between the Caves House and the Grand Archway. The necessary repairs have been effected.

On the 20th February, Caretaker Wiburd and Guide Edwards discovered "The Temple of Baal," and on the 30th July, assisted by Guide Bailey, they found the Orient Cave. These are surpassingly beautiful and extensive branches of the Lucas Cave, leading from the "River" series of caverns. In the course of exploration the guides exhibited a perseverance and a courage in overcoming perilous obstacles which is highly to their credit. Temporary means of access to the new cave are being rapidly provided. This includes a punt, which has been provided on that part of the underground waterway named "The Styx." Permanent stairways will be added from time to time.

From the 1st June the admissions to the Caves was increased to 2/- for a first visit and 1/- for any subsequent visit by each person.

The Rainbow and Salmon trout placed in the Jenolan River are doing well, and may soon be expected to give excellent sport.

(Extract from the Mines Department Annual Report - 1904, supplied by the Editor)

## Letter to the Editor (1)

### THE DISCOVERER OF JENOLAN CAVES

Sir, - In your issue of the 17th instant I see a scrap from Mr John Dobbie, J.P. re the discoverer of the Jenolan Caves. He says that the person credited with the discovery was not the actual discoverer. So far he is right. Mr. James Whalan, my uncle, as far as is known, was the first to see the limestone cliffs at the Jenolan Caves, while in search of the bushranger McEwen, who, he knew, was located in the vicinity, having been tracked near there by a man named Jerh Beale. My uncle, being too intent on the pursuit of Mc Ewen, did not even go down the hill to the archways. On his return, knowing my father, Mr. Charles Whalan, was fond of scenery of that kind, he told him as near as he could where the caves lay. My father then started with a servant named Nicholas Urwin and rode all day looking for the place described. Just at nightfall they saw the entrance to the Grand Arch. The hill below them being too rough to get down, they decided to camp where they were and to make the decent in the morning, which they did, exploring the Grand Arch, Devil's Coach-house, and Nettle Cave. This was in the early forties, as I remember seeing my father's name in the Grand Arch dated 1842. After that time my father and brothers, Charles and Edwin Whalan, conducted parties to the Caves for many years. Now, Mr. Editor, if my father was not the actual discoverer of the far famed Jenolan Caves, he was certainly the first to explore them and bring them before the public. Trusting you will insert this letter, I remain yours, etc.,

ALFRED S. WHALAN

Norway, via Oberon, March 25.

(Extract from the Lithgow Mercury 31st March 1899 supplied by Robert Lindsay)

***Remember that the next meeting also includes the Annual General Meeting.***

***This normal meeting and the AGM will cover a number of issues but two of the most important issues are:***

***1. The new constitution***

***and***

***2. The election of the 1993-94 committee.***

***Accompanying this newsletter is a list of motions to be put to the meeting regarding the Constitution.***

## Letter to the Editor (2)

### THE DISCOVERER OF JENOLAN CAVES

#### TO THE EDITOR

Sir, - In your issue of the 31st March 1899, I see a scrap from Mr. A. S. Whalan re the discovery of Jenolan Caves. James Whalan is the real discoverer of Jenolan Caves. It was after he captured the bushranger McEwen, who robbed his team of the bullock bows and chains as a place known as Coogie Flat, near Gingkin. Mr James Whalan, with the assistance of a police officer and Jerh Beale, tracked McEwen to the top of the range above his camp when they saw the smoke of his fire. They camped for the night; the descent was made in the morning, when they captured McEwen, whom they secured and handed over to the authorities. James Whalan returned to his camp to try to find some of his property, which included bullock bows and chains, horses, and a steel mill which were used for that time to grind wheat for the Government men told off to James Whalan to serve their time. When he got to the hut where they had taken him he followed the valley down to within about  $\frac{3}{4}$  of a mile of the caves. He left his horse and walked down, it being impossible to get his horse with him. He then went through the archways, finding he could not get down the river further he went about the daylight caves and returned to his horse, and could not get any of his property. When it was reported McEwen was taken, a stockman at Lowther got a blackfellow to take him to McEwen's camp, and he took the steel mill away between the time Whalan had taken McEwen and when he returned to look for his stolen property. Whalan heard of the mill being taken and went and identified it by a No. 8 on one of the bolts. When McEwen robbed Whalan he always packed what he took on Whalan's horses. When he got near his camp he killed the horses so that they would not track the horses back and find him. I was told this by Whalan's stockman, James Campbell, afterwards in 1855; so that James Whalan was the real discoverer of Jenolan Caves, in 1841, and the first man to enter them. When he returned he told people that he had been at the end of the world in the Devil's Coach-house, so that is how it got its name. Jerh Beale, who tracked McEwen, told me all they had done from starting to track. They did not see the caves until after the capture of McEwen. Mr. J Whalan searched several times for his bullock harness and his horse. When I heard that McEwen took the bullock bows and chains I did not believe he carried them so far, but when exploring about fourteen years ago I found the bullock bows, six bows, two pairs of iron hinges, and two harrow pins, planted in a cave. There are scores of people who have seen them in the cave since I discovered it. This is the true account of the discovery of Jenolan Caves, and as I have been exploring them since 1855, I have collected the particulars from eye witnesses



as to James Whalan's work and the robbery at his house by McEwen. I have taken great delight in the exploring of the caves and everything in connection with their discovery, etc., before my time here. Kindly publish the above in the interest of the readers of your valuable paper, of which I am a constant reader. - Yours, etc.

J. WILSON

Jenolan Caves, April 4.

(Extract from Lithgow Mercury 7th April 1899 supplied by Robert Lindsay)

**Note from the Editor:**

It is interesting to wonder about the discovery of Jenolan Caves or perhaps the way the terms "discovery" and "first person" were used last century. Wilson, in his letter for example, does not mention the possibility the "McEwen" or the "Stockman" (who appropriated the steel mill) may have "discovered" the Caves, nor whomever placed the articles that he thinks may have belonged to Whalan in a cave which he (Wilson) "discovered". And there is of course the favourite of Australian history (and of most colonised nations) - the use of "first person to enter" or "first person to see". While I'll be the first to argue that the likes of Wilson, Wiburd and others were the first to enter and see the vast majority of the caves at Jenolan, I will equally argue that at least some of the inhabitants of the continent over the last 40,000 would have seen and entered some of the caves and arches at Jenolan (and if they hadn't why is there a Polish sailor in the Pool of Cerberus Cave?).

## Editor's Contribution (or the Editor's Farewell)

Well, here I am. Two years and 8 editions later, my last newsletter. It's been fun and if it wasn't for work and other commitments I might have stayed on as editor for another year. This, however, is not to be. Despite what you have read in the last two newsletters I am not heading OS to pursue apes or ice. Instead, I have decided to act upon the paradigm of "Thinking Globally and Acting Locally" and stay here in New South Wales and continue to work for the Environment Protection Authority, where I am currently applying for a position that has until recently been occupied by me. Confusing isn't it.

There are a few people I would like to thank in particular. Maureen Sullivan for always having the address labels and membership information to me for each newsletter, Nigel Scanlan for racking his brain (and anyone in sights at the time) when I've called out of the blue with a "What's happened in the last 3 months?" question for the "Senior Guide's Bit" and, last but not least, Robert Lindsay, for scouring the microfiche and supplying me with copies of newspaper clippings etc., which have been the mainstay of the Newsletter in my opinion (even though I did lose his crossword). Of course I could add Janet and Scott and everyone else who has offered comment and support.

I would like to thank one more person, not a member of the Society, but one which without I couldn't have done the newsletter, and that's Martin Essam, long time friend and lunatic who owns a laser printer.

Well, I won't hang around and take up precious space and will now head off into the sunset while wishing the incoming committee and editor the best of luck in the future. See everyone down at Jenolan sometime.



## Trivia - 1898

### JENOLAN CAVES

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT]

Mr. O. Trickett, inspector of caves, who has been here for the last three weeks surveying all the Caves, has completed his work. This information, which is for a new guide book to be issued by the Government, will be of great interest to visitors. Some new branches, which have been discovered lately off the Jubilee cave by Mr. Jeremiah Wilson, were shown to Mr. Trickett.

Some person or person placed a long ladder last night across the road about three feet from the ground, at the turntable, where the road is narrow. If a coach or cyclist had happened to be going around this turn a serious accident could not have been averted, as a party walking did not see it till right against it.

The rain during the last fortnight has been the means of the gardens looking healthy.

The director of the Botanical Gardens, Mr. J. H. Maiden paid us a visit on Saturday, and was very pleased with the progress made by the gardener, Mr. H. Malthouse, whose artistic taste deserves recognition.

Last night the many friends met at "Tyrone Villa" to bid good-bye to Mr. H. G. Shoebridge. Songs were rendered and a most enjoyable evening spent. Mr Shoebridge has had charge of the painting here under the Government Architect's Branch for the last 13 months, during which time he has made many friends in the district. We wish him every success.

November 1.

(Extract from the Lithgow Mercury 4th November 1898, supplied by Robert Lindsay)

## MEMBERSHIP

A warm welcome is extended to the following new members:

Peter Griffiths of Woodford  
Joseph & Linda Michael of Baulkham Hills

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO CHECK THE MEMBERSHIP FORM INCLUDED WITH THE NEWSLETTER. IF IT HAS A RED CROSS ON IT YOUR MEMBERSHIP IS DUE (THE ADDRESS LABEL SHOULD ALSO HAVE A CROSS ON IT IF MEMBERSHIP IS DUE).**

## JCHAPS MERCHANDISE

(apart from what's available at the Ticket Office at Jenolan)

Available from the Secretary:

(At meetings or contact Scott Melton: ☎ (02) 6220920 (ah))

|                     |         |                |
|---------------------|---------|----------------|
| JCHAPS T-Shirts     | \$20.00 | (+ \$4.50 p&h) |
| JCHAPS Sweat Shirts | \$15.00 | (+ \$3.50 p&h) |

Available from the Membership Secretary:

(At meetings or write to: Maureen Sullivan, 5 Grey Street, Keiraville, NSW, 2500)

|                         |        |
|-------------------------|--------|
| Metal Membership Badges | \$4.00 |
| Cloth Society Patches   | \$4.00 |

## THE ROCKLEY GAME.

### THE JENOLAN CAVES

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Tarana and Wattle Flat Rockley Clubs accepted the kind invitation of Mr. J. S. O'Hara to pay a visit to the famous Jenolan Caves, and returned to town on Sunday afternoon, having spent a delightful week. Wattle Flat players, under the guardianship of Mrs. McAlpine, left home on Monday, February 27, and journeyed as far as O'Connell, where they were pleasantly received and entertained by Mrs. and Miss Roberts. The following morning they proceeded to Oberon, where they were joined at 11.30 by the Tarana Club, who were chaperoned by Miss Austen. After an *al fresco* luncheon at Boggy Flat Creek, the young travellers continued their journey and reached the Caves at 6 p.m. They were enthusiastically welcomed by the residents at the Caves. The next day a match which had been pre-arranged in the honor of Miss Maud Wilson's return after her long and serious illness, was played between the two teams. A considerable number of spectators were present and manifested a keen interest in the progress of the game. The compliment was acknowledged by Mr. Jeremiah Wilson in very feeling terms. A photo group of the two clubs and the Wilson family was taken which was intended for presentation to each one interested, as a memento of the event. The following day they visited the Lucas and Right Imperial Caves, and before leaving they expressed their gratitude to Mr. and Mrs. Wilson and family for the hospitality extended to them. After tea a very enjoyable entertainment was tendered the visitors in the grand arch. On the following morning another photo was taken of the party, with their conveyances in readiness to return home. The two parties bade one another adieu at Oberon, Tarana arriving at their destination about 8 p.m., while Wattle Flat about the same time returned to O'Connell, and on the following day were met in Bathurst by Mr. Jones' coach from Wattle Flat.

### THE MATCH.

At noon the two clubs met on the Jenolan Caves cricket ground, and Tarana winning the toss, decided to have the first innings. But, through excellent bowling of Alma, Munnie and Amy Brockwell and Lena McAlpine, they were all put out for 72 runs. Wattle Flat responded with 99. Tarana's second innings realised 125 and Wattle Flat's 48. Tarana thus won by 48 runs. The highest score of the day was made by Grace Donowa of Tarana (64), the second by Meriah Austen (the champion of last year) with 57, and third by Amy Crockwell, the last Wattle Flat Queen (51). All three gave grand exhibitions of the game, and astonished the spectators, many declaring that they had never seen such an interesting exhibition before. The fielding of both clubs attracted attention and admiration, as also did Eva Dermis' bowling in both innings, and Meriah Austen's wicketkeeping, as usual, was much admired.

Mr. Charles Austen, of Tarana, evidently knew the effects of travelling, and made ample provision by way of a good variety of refreshments, thus ensuring the happy result of full and plenty to eat and good cheer. -- From *oca e* Report.

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\$3.00 per year for each additional member of the  
immediate family seeking membership.

Full Time Student \$4.00 per year.

Five year membership is available at FOUR times the annual rate.

Please make remittance payable to Jenolan Caves Historical and Preservation Society and forward together with the form below (or a copy) to the membership secretary.

Your Renewal is due (but only if the following box is marked):

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Surname: \_\_\_\_\_

First Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Children's names and ages (for family membership): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Post Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership: New/Renewal      Period: One/Five year

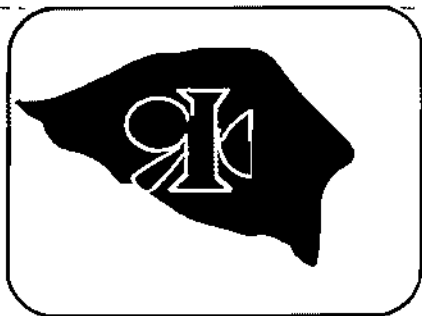
Please enrol me as a member for the year : \_\_\_\_\_.

I enclose a cheque/money order for the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for  
Single/Family/Full time student membership.

Please forward to:

The Membership Secretary  
Jenolan Caves Historical and Preservation Society  
5 Grey Street  
Keiraville      NSW      2500

((042) 296754      Maureen Sullivan)



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## Next Meeting

Date: 1st May 1993

Time: 8.30pm

Place: Wallaby Hall

The Committee meeting is to be held at 3pm in the Guide's Office.

## JCHAPS COMMITTEE 1993

|                       |                                                      |
|-----------------------|------------------------------------------------------|
| President:            | Sandra Heaney                                        |
| Vice Presidents:      | Barry Richard<br>Arthur Gray                         |
| Secretary:            | Scott Melton                                         |
| Assist Secretary:     | Lissy Willkomm                                       |
| Treasurer:            | Richard Guy                                          |
| Assist Treasurer:     | David Rotherham                                      |
| Membership Secretary: | Maureen Sullivan                                     |
| Newsletter Editor:    | David Rotherham                                      |
| Assist Newsletter Ed: | Derek Elmes                                          |
| Trustees:             | Janet Macfarlane<br>John Culley<br>John Callaghan    |
| Curators:             | Sue Hardy<br>Joan Edwards                            |
| Research Officer:     | Joan Edwards<br>Robert Lindsay                       |
| Patron:               | Harold Coates O.B.E.                                 |
| Department Rep:       | George Djordjewitsch                                 |
| Peppers Rep:          | Denis Winchester                                     |
| Committee:            | Catherine Draheim<br>Phyllis Asplin<br>Hardy Draheim |

## President's Report

For the 1993  
AGM

It gives me great pleasure to present the 21st Annual Report.

In accordance with our current constitution we have held four committees and four general meetings within the period, all meetings were held at Jenolan Caves.

Following the wet conditions which prevailed at the AGM in 1992 and the cancellation of the planned BBQ and the thus very cramped conditions in which we held the meeting, it was decided that the cabins are not a reliable or suitable venue for further meetings.

The society participated in Clean Up Australia Day on 1st March with 19 members pitching in. Sadly as most of us drove up the 5-mile late in the day the tourists had already started to contribute to the pile for the 1993 clean up which is 7th March.

Our the Anniversary was celebrated with a special dinner in Caves House following the May meeting with some 25 members and friends attending. Three of our younger members Aubrey and Lani Draheim and Sonia Hardy did the honours by cutting the cake.

The following day saw a few hard workers clean up the cricket pitch in McKeown's Valley and replace the concrete which had previously been broken up to plant trees in the Koala enclosure. No doubt it is not up to SCG standards but should prove a trying pitch for any team. Thanks is extended to the trust for supplying the materials.

Treasurer Dimity Short resigned during the year and Richard Guy stepped into the breach. Both were thanked for their ongoing support of the society and enthusiasm with which they undertook their tasks.

The time honoured traditional Smoke Concert was resurrected - minus the smoke - on the

November meeting weekend. A good time was had by all. Many thanks to Arthur Gray for his role as coordinator and to the Jenolan Caves Bushfire Brigade for providing the sausage sizzle.

Regarding other society business the long drawn out constitution review continues, however, thanks to a relative new comer to the Society Dr. Robert Hardie and the input of several other members the penultimate draft was circulated with the last newsletter and will hopefully be ratified at tonight's AGM. I must, however, express a certain degree of displeasure with many other Society members who remained silent on the issue until spurred on by Dr. Hardie at the November meeting to have a say. Where were all your comments over the year when both Scott and I appealed for your assistance?

On the matter of the Grand Arch Precinct re-development everyone now knows that the proposed plans were quashed and it is now back to the drawing board. Hence this is an ideal opportunity for the Society to be actively involved in future proposals. So please share your ideas either at meetings or through the newsletter. On this matter apologise to the membership for not being in attendance at the forum on 27th November but I did not receive the invitation to be present until 3.00pm of that day.

This again highlights one of our greatest difficulties that of communication, I would therefore propose that any mail coming to Jenolan Caves for committee members not resident in the area be opened by the assistant secretary and the messages if urgent or within a deadline be forwarded by telephone or fax so as to avoid such problems.

Regarding the Old Post Office, we have made little advance in this area but hopefully in consultation with both the Trust and Peppers some suitable arrangements will be arrived at in the coming year.

Matters I have found most vexing over the year are the numbers of

2nd, 3rd or 4th hand complaints which have come from both members and non-members of the Society about actions or inaction on behalf of the Society. There are three courses of action open to anyone who has a complaint - members may raise an issue at a meeting, approach the Secretary to call a special meeting or write their complaints to the editor of the newsletter. Non-members may write to the Secretary. Therefore, issues which warrant discussion have adequate vehicles for expression - if people are not willing to take such paths nor to identify themselves their complaints can be of little merit and thus will not be considered by the Society for deliberation.

I know there have been births and deaths within our membership this year, no doubt there have been weddings, engagements and other achievements and losses. I should like to extend congratulations and commiserations as appropriate, and wish all members well for the year ahead.

Thankyou is at times a most inadequate word but I should extend my sincere thanks to all committee members, with special gratitude to Scott, Richard and Maureen for keeping the records straight. Also to Derek for his amusing, interesting and thought provoking Newsletters. I should also like to thank Nigel Scanlan for his assistance throughout the year and various members of the Trust staff and the Management and Staff of Peppers.

As the new year draws near it becomes apparent that there will be a lot happening and I hope the Society will have an active role to play. In this regard I am in the final year of doing a doctorate and know I will be pressed for time and inspiration and it is therefore with regret that I announce that I will not be seeking re-election for any office other than general committee member for the coming year.

Sandra Heaney  
President JCHAPS.



**From The Secretary's Desk** ~~vote at the next meeting (1st May 1993).~~

Well, another year has come and gone at Jenolan and it seems hard to believe that we are already into the fourth month. For those of you that may not be aware, I recently returned from 10 weeks in the USA & Europe. It was great and it even snowed on Christmas Day for me. That was one of the highlights. I know that I promised in the last newsletter to write a trip report for this issue but time has precluded me from doing so. Hopefully in the next one!!!

While in the USA, I saw Oregon Caves National Monument, Carlsbad Caverns as well as spending New Years Day in Mammoth Cave Kentucky recording historical signatures in the passage just below what is known as the "Wooden Bowl Room". The Cave Research foundation, who have been the driving force behind the exploration of the system, hope to be able to determine different visitation patterns by studying the data collected. Other highlights included a steam train ride on a narrow gauge steam train through the Rockies, a visit to the Grand Canyon in the snow and two days spent in an elementary school in Stuart Virginia.

Highlights in Europe included several rides in the world's fastest train, a trip to Matterhorn and a visit to Euro Disney. The closest I came to caving in Europe was a visit to the Bertchesgarten Salzwerke in southern Germany. These are operational salt mines where the highlight of the visit is sliding down a 100ft wooden slide on your backside. A leather patch protects you from splinters!!! Another feature is a ride on an underground salt lake. The scenery was spectacular and the temperature rarely made it to 0 degrees Celsius. That's my sort of weather!!!

I had only been back a week and was barely unpacked when it was time for the 1993 AGM. Sandra Heaney was re-elected President and I Secretary. A full list of the Committee has been published elsewhere in this newsletter. Derek Elmes, who had been threatening not to stand as editor was true to his word. It didn't stop the meeting electing him Assistant Newsletter Editor. Try and get out of this one Derek!!! Congratulations to all successful members.

Due to a "Comedy of Errors", the Notice of Motions published in the last newsletter were not the final copy. Those that are printed in this newsletter are the final proposed notices of motion. Please read them and be prepared to

Clean Up Australia Day, held on Sunday March 7th, was a success and thanks must be extended to David Rotherham for organising the day and to those members who turned up to help. The impromptu BBQ was most enjoyable. Let's make it an annual tradition.

See you all at the meeting on Saturday 1st May 1993 at 8:30pm. For those people on the committee, a committee meeting will be held at 3.00pm (most probably in tropical heights). In addition, there will be a Book Launch on Sunday 2nd May to officially launch Greg Middleton's "Oliver Trickett" book and Trevor Saw's "The History of Cave Science" book. It is at 2.00pm in the Ballroom of Caves House.

Scott Melton  
Secretary JCHAPS

*All members are invited to attend a Book Launch to be held in conjunction with the Sydney Speleological Society, on Sunday 2nd May 1993 at 2pm in the Ballroom of Caves House.*

RSVP to Ben Nurse ph. 02 660 8975  
or fax 02 6601217 by 24th April 1993.

## Research Officer & Joint Curators Report to AGM of JCHAPS 13/2/93

The display area is, as we all know, very small and therefore limits what can be done to reorganise the exhibition. As a result the display area remains virtually unchanged but still seems to hold interest for visitors. of much greater concern is the inability to store the Society's possessions safely and in a well organised manner.

*There is no short term solution to the problem, nor a definite long term solution.* Clearly many artefacts donated to the Society have been damaged, lost, borrowed and not returned or whatever as we come across references to items which are no longer to be found. The Society must seek a solution to this problem . Unless this is done very soon far too much will be lost forever.

We have applied for, and received approval for a grant of \$500 from the Royal Australian Historical Society for organising and cataloguing our photographic collection. The work is progressing very slowly, as with many volunteers, income producing chores must take precedence over voluntary work. In addition it took some time to devise a suitable method of organising the material. To benefit from the grant many more hours of sorting & mounting will need to be done, then a detailed catalogue prepared on a database.

We will need help at the time of the May meeting to finalise this project.

Joan Edwards & Susan Hardy.

### **New Members...**

A big welcome goes out to the new members of the Society John, Phyllis and Michelle Asplin of Riverstone. They have been regular visitors to the caves for some time and have been active members since joining. Phyllis is now on the committee and both Phyllis and Michelle participated on behalf of the Society in the Clean Up Australia Day at Jenolan on Sunday 7th March.

Well done folks!!



## A salute to our pioneers

This unique photograph of the late Tom Dodwell, popular resident of Hampton, features Tom driving a horse drawn grader on the Jenolan Caves Rd in the 1930's. Tom's beautifully groomed horses were named Nelson and Gyp.

Nelson was a distinctive grey-white work horse bred at Palmers Oakey, Tom buying him from Alf Boyd and keeping him for many years until Nelson died at Hampton.

Many local residents worked in the road maintenance gang which covered the area from Rover Lett bridge at Hartley to Jenolan Caves via Good Forest, Lowther, Hampton and through to Five Mile Hill and Jenolan Caves and then up the Two Mile Hill on the Oberon Rd - much steeper and more winding than the "Five Mile". In the early 1900's and during World War 1, Mick Luchetti patrolled the road with Dan Kelly in charge of the southern section. When Mick Luchetti died, Dan Ryan was assigned Mick's portion ( Dan Ryan is the maternal grandfather of Lithgow's Mayor, Gerard Martin). During these years Tom Dowdell worked the horse drawn grader, travelling the full length of the road. Following Dan Ryan, Pat Cullen took charge of the

road gang - the road then being maintained by one body of workers covering the entire length. Pat remained in charge until he resigned to return to work on the family farm.

Harry Ryan held the job of ganger until his death when Pat Cullen's brother Bill took charge.

Bill had worked at a construction gang at Hartley for two years, starting there in 1949. He was then transferred to the Caves Road maintenance crew while his brother Pat was the ganger.

The Caves Road, at that time, had a gravel surface from Glenroy Bridge to Jenolan Caves.

During Bill Cullen's time as ganger the decision was made to seal the road through to the Caves.

The maintenance gang had to do all the preparation and aligning of the road and then assist with the sealing. After this mammoth task, the road to Oberon was reconstructed and sealed. The same gang of men toiled to prepare and seal the steep and dangerous section of road known as the "Two Mile".

In 1968, the Great Western Highway from Mt. Lambie to Mt. Victoria Pass badly needed attention so Bill Cullen was given another gang

and new equipment and transferred to the Bowentells depot. Included in the area covered by Bill and his gang was the section of road from the town boundary at the top of Scenic Hill to Bell. Bill Cullen retired in 1971 and now lives in Hassans Walls Road.

He will be 87 this year and is one of Lithgow's most respected citizens. (Thank you Bill for this information.)

Other old timers to work on the Caves Road were Johnny England, Phil Stone, Wally Edwards, Tom Pate, Mick O'Neill and Harold Phillips Who also drove a horse drawn grader.

Joe Dowdell worked short contracts on the road with the horse and dray, while Tom Curran was a familiar sight on the Caves Road driving his motor truck.

This account of the road workers on the Caves Road is a salute to those hard working men of the pick and shovel days in the hard times, toiling on the roads to feed their families and pay their way.

Thank you to cousin Mary Dowdell for the gift of this photograph.

Article supplied  
by Robert Lindsay  
from Lithgow Mercury.

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NOTICES OF MOTION:

\*That section five be amended to read:-

\*That section one be amended to read:-

1. Name

The full and correct name of the Society shall be "THE JENOLAN CAVES HISTORICAL AND PRESERVATION SOCIETY" herein after called "The Society".

\*That section two be amended to read:-

2. Objects

The objects of the Society shall be:-

- a) To encourage the study of the history of both the Jenolan Caves District and Australian Cave Systems;
- b) To promote the compilation of authentic records relating to the Jenolan Caves District and Australian Cave Systems;
- c) To acquire, either by purchase, donation or otherwise, and preserve for the use of the Society all such objects and materials considered by the committee to have a bearing on Australian and/or Cave History and to establish, form, furnish and maintain libraries, museums and picture galleries;
- d) To promote interchange of information among members of the Society by lectures, readings, discussions and exhibitions of historical artefacts;
- e) To print, publish and circulate such journals, periodicals, books and other literary publications and undertakings as may seem conducive to any of the objects of the Society;
- f) To co-operate with similar Societies throughout Australia and internationally;
- g) To provide social interaction for members; and
- h) To do all such other things as are conducive or incidental to the attainment of any or all of the above objects."

\*That section three be amended to read:-

3. Office Bearers

At the Annual General Meeting of the Society a Committee comprising of the following shall be elected:-

- a) President;
- b) Two Vice Presidents;
- c) Secretary;
- d) Assistant Secretary;
- e) Treasurer;
- f) Assistant Treasurer;
- g) Membership Secretary;
- h) Two Curators;
- i) Research Officer;
- j) Newsletter Editor;
- k) Six additional Committee Members; and
- l) One representative from the Jenolan Caves Reserve Trust and one representative from the lessee of Jenolan Caves House. As ex-officio Committee members, these positions hold no voting rights.

At the Annual General Meeting a Patron will be elected."

\*That section four be amended to read:-

4. Membership

The following shall apply in respect to membership:-

- a) Membership shall be open to all persons subscribing to the objects of the Society and paying the prescribed fee. The Committee shall have the right to refuse membership to any person and cause for such refusal shall not be given;
- b) A register of members shall be kept showing in respect of every member his/her name, address, phone number and the date membership commenced. Further, that the ages of junior members or student identification numbers be provided on application for membership; and
- c) Any member may be eligible for Honorary Life Membership of the Society subject to nomination by a financial member of the Society. Notice of this nomination is required in writing to the President who will, at his or her discretion, consult with relevant persons and make this decision. This award will be acknowledged by the inclusion of the member's name on a special honour roll to hang in an appropriate location at Jenolan Caves."

5. Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting shall be held within two months of the end of the financial year of the Society ending 31st December. At least twenty eight days notice of such meeting shall be given to each member in the Society's newsletter, posted to his/her last known address however, accidental omission to give notice to any member shall not invalidate the meeting.

Unless determined otherwise by the Committee this meeting will be held to coincide with the February General Meeting."

\*That section six be amended to read:-

6. General Meeting

A General Meeting shall be held on the second Saturday of the months of February, August and November and on the first Saturday of the month of May, unless determined otherwise by the Committee. At least twenty eight days notice of such meeting shall be given to each member in the Society's newsletter, posted to his/her last known address however, accidental omission to give notice to any member shall not invalidate the meeting.

Unless determined otherwise by the Committee these meetings shall commence promptly at 8.30pm."

\*That section seven be amended to read:-

7. Special General Meetings

Special General Meetings may be convened by the Committee upon the written request, stating the reasons for the request, of any two members of the Society to the Committee. Such a meeting shall be held within a period of one month, where possible, from the date of the receipt of the request. Should the Committee deem the request not to be of a serious nature, the Committee has the power to holdover discussion on the request to the next General Meeting."

\*That section eight be amended to read:-

8. Meeting Procedures

The following meeting procedures shall apply:-

- a) The President shall preside as chairman at every General and Annual General Meeting of the Society, but if that person is not present within fifteen minutes of the time appointed for the holding of the meeting or is unwilling to act then the members present shall elect one person present at the meeting to be chairman of the meeting, a simple majority sufficing;
- b) The chairman may, with the consent of any meeting at which a quorum is present and shall if so directed by the meeting, adjourn the meeting from time to time and from place to place but no business shall be transacted at any adjourned meeting other than the business left unfinished at the meeting from which the adjournment took place. When a meeting is adjourned for thirty days or more, notice of the adjourned meeting shall be given as in the case of an original meeting. Save as aforesaid it shall not be necessary to give any notice of an adjournment of the business to be transacted at an adjourned meeting;
- c) At any General Meeting a resolution put to the vote of a meeting shall be decided on a show of hands unless a ballot is (before or on the declaration of the result of the show of hands) demanded by the chairman or by at least three members present. Unless a ballot is so demanded, a declaration by the chairman that a resolution has on a show of hands been carried or carried unanimously, or by a particular majority, or lost, and an entry to that effect in the minutes of the proceedings of the Society shall be conclusive evidence or the fact without proof of the number or proportion of votes recorded in favour of or against the resolution. The demand for a ballot may be withdrawn;
- d) If a ballot is duly demanded it shall be taken in such a manner and either at once or after an interval or adjournment or otherwise as the chairman directs and the result of the ballot shall be the resolution of the meeting at which the ballot was demanded but a ballot demanded on the election of a chairman or on a question of adjournment shall be taken forthwith;
- e) In the case of an equality of votes, whether on a show of hands or on a ballot, the chairman of the meeting at which the show of hands takes place or at which a ballot is demanded shall be entitled to a second or casting vote;
- f) Each financial member of legal voting age present and voting at a General Meeting of the Society shall have one vote; and
- g) Meetings shall be conducted in an orderly fashion and are not to exceed two hours in duration with a maximum extension of fifteen minutes to allow for the conclusion of urgent business."

That section nine be amended to read:-

#### Subscriptions

Subscription to the Society shall be as follows:-

- a) The subscription shall be determined by the Committee and be reviewed annually at the Annual General Meeting subject to the increasing costs of conducting Society business. Until determined otherwise, the current subscription rates shall be as per item b);
- b) The annual subscription to the Society will be:-

|                  |   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|------------------|---|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Single           | - | \$10.00                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Family           | - | \$10.00 for the first adult and \$3.00 for each additional member of the same immediate family living at the same address.                                                                                                                                 |
| Student          | - | \$4.00 until the age of eighteen upon which evidence of full time study must be produced to remain eligible for this rate. Upon reaching the age of twenty five full membership rates are payable. The date of birth of student members is to be supplied. |
| Pensioner        | - | \$5.00                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Child under five | - | Free                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

Five year membership of the Society will be offered to interested persons at four times the annual subscription rate. Persons availing of this option will be advised via the Society Newsletter upon expiry of such membership.

Life membership of the Society may be procured for a sum of \$500.00. Recognition of this payment will be made by the inclusion of the members name on a special honour roll to hang in an appropriate location at Jenolan Caves.

Concession Cave Inspection Tickets will be forwarded annually to all members upon payment of annual subscriptions dues. Such tickets will automatically be forwarded to Life and Honorary Life Members. Those members accepting the five year option will receive his/her tickets upon payment/renewal of their membership. This concession is not available on public holidays, public holiday weekends or during school holidays. They are only available for those cave tours for which a child's concession is available;

- c) Any new member who joins the Society within three months of the end of the financial year of the Society shall be deemed to be financial for the ensuing financial year; and
- d) Any member who does not renew a subscription within six months of the expiration of same shall be deemed to be non-financial and shall automatically cease to be a member of the Society. Should a member wish to renew his/her membership within a period of two years of it lapsing he/she shall be liable for all outstanding membership fees due to the Society. Notification of the expiration of membership shall be by way of a cross placed on the Society's newsletter posted to the members last known address. A lapsed member rejoining after two years will be deemed to be a new member.

That section ten be amended to read:-

#### Society Funds and Accounts

The following applies in respect of Society funds and accounts:-

- a) All monies received by the Society shall be deposited at the earliest possible date to the credit of the Society's accounts. Receipts for monies received shall be issued promptly. The Treasurer must be notified at the earliest convenience of all deposits made to Society accounts.

The Committee may authorise appropriate investment of a proportion of the Society's accumulated funds in a recognised financial institution. Where possible, these investments should be Government guaranteed;
- b) All payments \$20.00 or greater made by the Society shall be paid by cheque signed by any two of the President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Payments less than \$20.00 may be paid by cash but must be accounted for in writing and forwarded to the Treasurer by the 25th day of the months of March, June, September and December;
- c) All Society members authorised to make payments must present an itemised claim sheet to the Committee for payment approval. Where possible, receipts or other evidence of payment should be provided.

Authorisation to make payments may be granted to members as determined by any two of the President, Secretary and Treasurer. The following Committee members shall be deemed to have this authority upon his/her election to office: President, Secretary, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Membership Secretary and Newsletter Editor;

- d) All accounts shall be presented to and passed for payment at a Committee meeting and full details of such approvals shall be entered in the minutes of the meeting; and

- e) The Treasurer shall be required to submit quarterly financial statements for the preceding quarter prior to each general meeting. Also, the Society's financial records are to be closed off as at 31st December each year and an audited statement of receipts and expenditure be prepared for presentation at the Annual General Meeting in February of the ensuing year.

That section eleven be amended to read:-

#### 11. Audit

All financial records and transactions of the Society are subject to audit as follows:-

- a) The auditor or auditors shall be selected at the Annual General Meeting. He/she shall examine all accounts, vouchers, receipts, books, etc., and furnish a report thereon to the members at the Annual General Meeting. Audits shall be conducted at regular intervals of not more than twelve months;
- b) An Auditor shall not be a member or closely related to a member of the Committee;
- c) Subject to paragraph d) hereof notice of the intention to nominate an auditor to replace the current auditor shall be given to the Secretary at least twenty one days before the Annual General Meeting. The Secretary shall send a copy of the nomination to the current auditor at least seven days before the Annual General Meeting. The current auditor shall be entitled to attend the Annual General Meeting and if they so wish be heard at same; and
- d) Where the current auditor submits his/her resignation, or notifies the Secretary of his/her intention not to seek re-selection as auditor, paragraph c) hereof shall not apply.

That section twelve be amended to read:-

#### 12. Minutes

The Committee shall cause minutes to be made of:-

- a) All appointments of office bearers and members of the Committee;
- b) The names of members of the Committee present at all meetings of the Society and meetings of the Committee; and
- c) All proceedings at all meetings of the Society and meetings of the Committee.

Such minutes shall be signed by the chairman of the meeting at which the proceedings were held or by the chairman of the next succeeding meeting.

That section thirteen be amended to read:-

#### 13. Expulsion of Members

Any member may be expelled from membership of the Society by the Committee if in the opinion of the Committee, after affording such member an opportunity of offering the Committee an explanation of his/her conduct either verbally or in writing, that the conduct of the member is such as to be detrimental to the best interests of the Society, provided that:-

- a) Such member shall receive not less than twenty eight days notice in writing of such intention by the Committee;
- b) Such expulsion shall not be effective unless it is confirmed by a majority of members present at a special General Meeting of members convened to consider the expulsion;
- c) Such General Meeting is held within a period of one month from the date of the decision of the Committee to expel the member;
- d) At such special General Meeting the member whose expulsion is under consideration shall be allowed to offer an explanation of his/her conduct verbally or in writing at the option of such member;
- e) The voting of such special General Meeting shall be by ballot if not less than five members present shall so demand; and
- f) It shall be in the power of the Committee to exclude such member from participation in the affairs of the Society until such special General Meeting shall be held.

That section fourteen be amended to read:-

#### 14. Trustees

The position of Trustee of the Society shall be as follows:-

- a) Three Trustees (who may be members of the Society or Committee) shall be elected at a properly constituted Annual General Meeting; and
- b) All property of whatever kind belonging to the Society shall be vested in the Trustees and the Trustees shall have custody of all deeds and documents of title relating to the property of the Society and shall be responsible for the same and shall deal with and dispose of all the property of the Society whether real or personal for the time being vested in them and the income thereof in accordance with the violation of the trusts upon which the property is held.

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\*That section fifteen be amended to read:-

15. Committee Responsibilities

The Committee is charged with the following responsibilities:-

- a) To administer the Society in line with the objects of same;
- b) To meet at least every three months unless more frequent meetings are required as determined by business to hand. It will be preferable to hold such meetings coincident with the quarterly General Meetings of the Society;
- c) To be accountable to all members of the Society;
- d) To appoint sub-committees as the need may arise;
- e) To act in an appropriate manner at all times; and
- f) To make by-laws from time to time at it's discretion.

In order to be elected to a Committee position, a member must be of legal voting age."

\*That section sixteen be amended to read:-

16. Election of Committee Members

Elections shall be by secret ballot and any equality in voting shall be resolved by lot. Nominations are to be in writing, signed by the nominee, proposer and seconder. Nominees should preferably be in attendance at the Annual General Meeting however, his/her absence will be accepted if fourteen days written notification of his/her absence is received. Nominations may also be received from the floor of the meeting.

The ballot papers shall show the candidates names in order determined by lot."

\*That section seventeen be amended to read:-

17. Quorum

The quorum at a General Meeting or Annual General Meeting of the Society shall be ten financial members.

The quorum at a Committee Meeting shall be five members of the Committee."

\*That section eighteen be amended to read:-

18. Resignations

Any member may resign his/her membership by sending his/her resignation in writing to the committee and paying up any arrears of subscriptions due by him/her for the preceding two years and upon such resignation being accepted by the Committee, he/she shall cease to be a member."

\*That section nineteen be amended to read:-

19. Vacation of Office

The office of a member of the Committee or of a Trustee shall become vacant:-

- a) Upon his/her death;
- b) If he/she are found guilty of a criminal offence;
- c) If he/she become bankrupt or make any arrangement or composition with his/her creditors generally;
- d) If he/she become mentally ill or a person whose person or estate is liable to be dealt with, in any way under the law relating to mental health;
- e) If he/she resign his/her office by notice in writing to the Committee, and subject to its acceptance;
- f) If he/she are absent for more than six months without leave of the Committee from meetings of the Committee held during that period;
- g) If he/she cease to be a member of the Society;
- h) Upon a resolution being passed by a two thirds majority of members present at a properly constituted special General Meeting called for the purpose of removing him/her from office;
- i) If he/she hold any office of profit under the Society; and
- j) If he/she are directly or indirectly interested in any contract or proposed contract with the Society."

\*That section twenty be amended to read:-

20. Amendments to Constitution

This constitution may be amended by a three fifths majority of those in attendance at a General Meeting, provided twenty eight days notice of the proposed amendment has been circulated to all members."

\*That section twenty one be amended to:-

21. Dissolution

The Society may be dissolved as follows:-

- a) The Society shall be dissolved in the event of a membership of less than four persons (but must not be less than three) or upon the vote of a three quarter majority of members present at a special General Meeting convened to consider such a question; and
- b) Upon resolution being passed in accordance with paragraph a) of this rule, all assets and funds of the Society on hand shall, after the payment of all expenses and liabilities, be handed over to such registered or exempted charity or charities as a simple majority of the members at the special General Meeting so convened, or at a subsequent special General Meeting may decide."

\*That section twenty two be amended to read:-

22. Winding Up

"In the event of the winding up of the Society the assets of the Society shall be disposed of as follows:-

- a) Items of historical and scientific interest shall be offered firstly to the Library of New South Wales, secondly to the Royal Australian Historical Society, thirdly to the Australian Museum and fourthly to The Powerhouse and Earth Exchange Museums;
- b) All other assets excluding money shall be publicly auctioned; and
- c) All monies realised and all other monies less the expenses of winding up shall be given to the Royal Australian Historical Society for the furtherance of its aims."

I plead with readers to excuse  
the quality of the reproduction  
of this important document.  
I'm afraid that my son has not  
yet passed kindergarten cut and  
pasting!

He has been of great help anyway.

...Ed.



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**NEXT JCHAPS GENERAL MEETING**

**SATURDAY 14TH AUGUST 1993**

**8.30pm**

**Venue T.B.A.**

The committee meeting will be at 3pm  
in the guides office

### Jubilee Cave Centenary Celebrations

It is now 100 years since the discovery of the Jubilee Cave by Jeremiah Wilson. To celebrate, the Jenolan Caves Reserve Trust in conjunction with JCHAPS will be holding commemorative celebrations during the period beginning with the JCHAPS meeting 13th November 1993 culminating with the SBS Youth Orchestra Concert 27th & 28th November 1993.

Amongst other activities there will be special Historical Inspections of the Jubilee Cave including The Lilly Of The Valley by torchlight and Alladin Cave tours. JCHAPS members are invited to appear in period costume and to assist with some of the Historical Inspections and surface walks. To help get people involved Karst Resources Manager Ernst Holland has approved two caving trips to Red Cave for JCHAPS members assisting with the three weekends. (Red Cave is a highly decorated gem situated above the entrance to the Jubilee.)

The major activity for members to become involved with initially is to restore the Post Office Museum. This is hoped to be achieved during a working bee weekend 19th and 20th June.

A good start has already been made on the restoration at a working bee on 5th and 6th June. During this weekend it was realised the size of the task. The aim is to paint the building inside and out, fix up the garden and erect displays highlighting the Jubilee Cave. With a good roll-up on the 19th & 20th we should be able to complete the painting and the garden. The displays we can hopefully put in position at the time of the August General Meeting.

Any further suggestions you may have regarding activities that would complement this celebration are invited along with any historical information that may be useful. Please send any ideas or information c/o Susan Hardy, Guides Office Jenolan Caves, 2790.



WORKING BEE WEEKEND

19TH - 20TH JUNE

For the purpose of  
RESTORATION OF THE POST OFFICE MUSEUM

It is hoped to paint the building inside and out, weather permitting, and make a start to erecting displays emphasising the Jubilee Cave.

A further week-end may be necessary in July so that the building can be opened to the public for the Jubilee Centenary Celebrations in November.

All JCHAPS members are asked to make an effort to attend one or both days so that the job can be done properly.

Final displays will be put in place at the time of the August meeting

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16/2/1888

The Visit Of The Primate To Jenolan Caves  
by telegraph

(from our own correspondent)  
Oberon, Wednesday

Bishop Barry, accompanied by the Hon. G. H. Cox, left here today for Sydney, having spent one day and a-half in the caves. The Primate expressed himself delighted with the caves, which far exceeded his expectations in beauty and extent. He also expressed himself pleased with accommodation provided by the keeper, Mr. Wilson, who is just completing a very comfortable two-storied house, with sitting rooms, bed and bath rooms, etc.

Article supplied by R. Lindsay from S.M.H. 16/2/1888.

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AT CAVES HOUSE

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10% Off All Room Types

Weekends:

10% Off Facilitated Rooms

15% Off Non-Facilitated Rooms

Mid-Week: (Sunday to Thursday)

15% Off Facilitated Rooms

25% Off Non-Facilitated Rooms

DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE ON NORMAL TARIFFS ONLY

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The Society would like to extend its sincere condolences to the family of Society member Barry Sullivan who passed on 1/6/93. Barry was Husband, Father and Grandfather to Society members. Incidentally, Barry was involved in the painting of the post office last time JCHAPS were doing it.



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NEXT JCHAPS MEETING  
COMBINED COMMITTEE / GENERAL MEETING  
SATURDAY 13TH NOVEMBER 1993  
11.00am  
Venue T.B.A.

JCHAPS would like to extend a warm welcome to Mr. Ted Reedy, new General Manager of the Jenolan Caves Reserve Trust. All the best with settling in.

# *Jubilee Cave Centenary*

*1893-1993*

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*First entered on the 20th of February 1893, by Jeremiah Wilson, the far reaches of the Imperial Cave were to become known as the Jubilee Cave. Jeremiah and his brother, Fred, were to spend many months pushing the exploration of the cave, and themselves to the limit. It was in exploring one of the Jubilee's many side passages that Jeremiah lost the light of his candle, plunging him into darkness. After he did not return, Fred began to search for his brother, eventually finding him in the passage now known as Wilson's Despair.*

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*"I thought I would never see the light of day again" (J. Wilson)*

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*Wilson continued his exploration of the cave that was to gain the reputation of being the most beautiful and finely decorated of the caves at Jenolan.*

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*"To name one formation in the Jubilee would be like naming one star in the Milky Way." (Anon.)*

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*The narrow and winding passages, combined with the distance into the mountain from the Grand Arch, have led to the chequered history of the Jubilee Cave. Development of the cave, for visitors, was stalled as early as 1893 due to retrenchments of cave staff. The official opening of the cave was in 1897 but did not include all the sections that today's visitor enjoys. The most notable of these were the passageway known as The Gem of Jenolan and Victoria Bower. Many years later the cost of renewing the fencing and installing new electrical cables was too great so the cave was closed. Reopened in 1971, with new electrical wires and old fences replaced, the cave's intricate decorations could again be seen by the visitor to Jenolan.*

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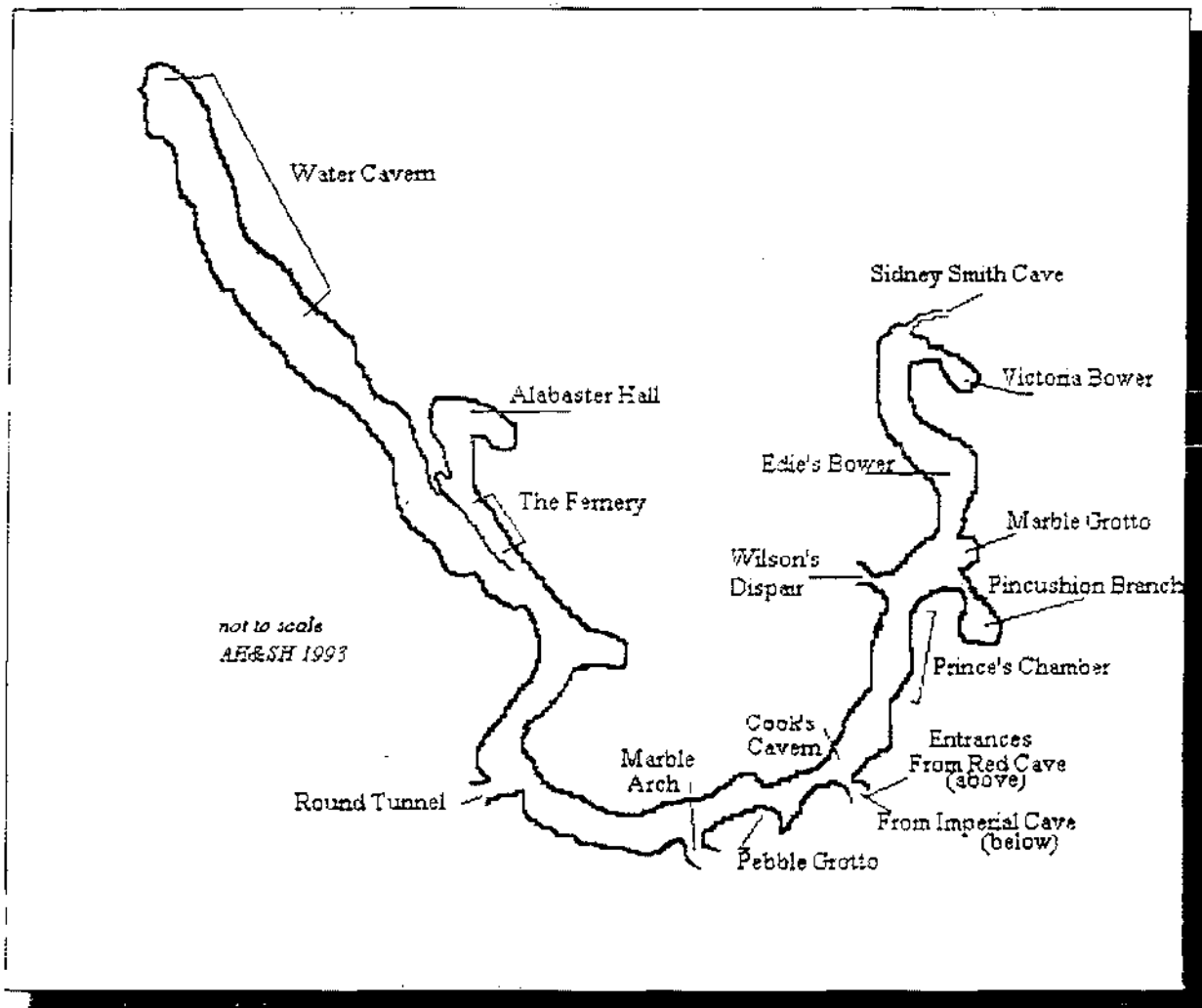
*"The visitor will leave the Bower with a feeling that nothing in Nature can exceed it in beauty." (Trickett)*

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*The mystery of exploration is as strong now as 100 years ago. Cave Divers and members of the Sydney University Speleological Society, swam the Underground River and crawled through squeezes in search of their goal of finding the unknown connection between the Jubilee Cave and the Spider Cave. In 1988, after two years of pushing themselves, as the Wilson brothers did, the cave divers found a way between the two caves. Above them, the guides and electricians were once again replacing the old wires with new, whilst visitors marvelled at the intricate hand of nature in the most beautiful of the caves at Jenolan.*

# Jubilee Cave Centenary

1893-1993

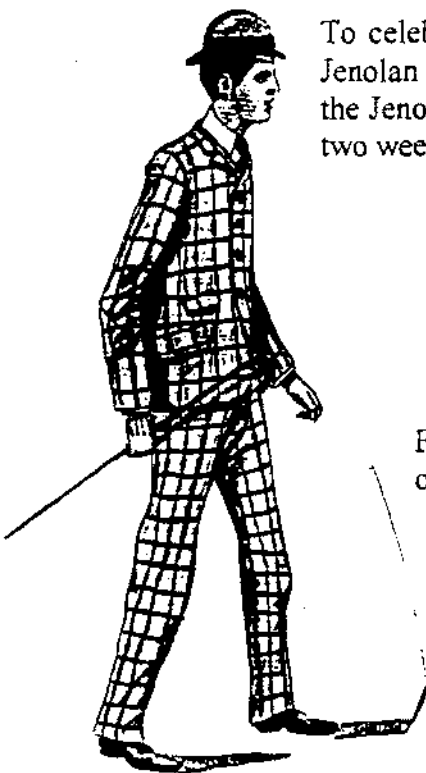


Saturday 13th November to Sunday 28th November

To celebrate 100 years since the discovery of the Jubilee cave, the Jenolan Caves Reserve Trust, in conjunction with Caves House and the Jenolan Caves Historical and Preservation Society have organised two weeks of celebrations. The activities include:

- ◆ *Historical Displays*
- ◆ *Historical Cave Inspections*
- ◆ *Surface walks emphasising the local history*
- ◆ *Formal Dinner and Official Opening*
- ◆ *Live Music and Bushdance in the Grand Arch*
- ◆ *SBS Youth Orchestra*
- ◆ *Artists For Life Concert*

Full details can be obtained from the Guides on (063) 593311 ph. or (063) 593307 fax.



### Post Office Restoration

The restoration of the Old Post Office Museum is progressing very well. It is hoped to be completed by 16th October, so that the displays can be erected prior to the Jubilee celebrations.

The only jobs left to be done are sanding & oiling the floor and fixing up the garden & general area. This is hoped to be achieved at a working bee on 9th & 10th October. The floor is being done professionally so over the weekend most of the work will be outside. Remember to bring your gloves, hat and sunscreen.

So far, the building has been stripped of paint inside and out and repainted which was a Mammoth job. It is looking fantastic and should be excellent on completion. It is a real credit to those involved in the restoration thus far.

### Jubilee Celebration Timetable

#### November

- Saturday 13th - 11:00 JCHAPS Meeting  
2:30 George Souris Minister for CALM  
to re-open Restored Post Office  
3:00 Official Party to inspect Jubilee  
7:30 Black Tie Dinner  
JCHAPS members are invited to  
attend. Bookings are essential  
\$46 per head including drinks.
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- Sunday 14th - 3:30 Riley Lee Concert Cathedral Lucas Cave  
Japanese Bamboo Flute. \$50 per head
- Saturday 20th - Evening Bush Dance Grand Arch. All Welcome.  
No Charge. Food & drinks available  
Provided by Jenolan Caves Fire Brigade.
- Saturday 27th - 11:00 SBS Youth Orchestra Concerts  
& Devils Coachhouse  
Sunday 28th 2:00  
\$10 Adults \$5 Children \$20 Family
- #### December
- Saturday 4th - 12:30 Roger Woodward Concert Devils Coachhouse  
&  
4:45 \$25 per head. \$20 concession

## CURATORS REPORT

Work on the photographic collection is progressing well. Photos have been catalogued, filed and a database compiled.

In addition we have:-

\* Purchased copies of 8 photographs (mainly by Charles Bayliss 1880 - 1900) from the National Library in Canberra.

\* Ordered copies of photos held by the Blue Mountains Historical Society. These include some taken by Carey in 1880 - 1882, and of the 1919 flood debris. Some of the people have been identified .... What a bonus !

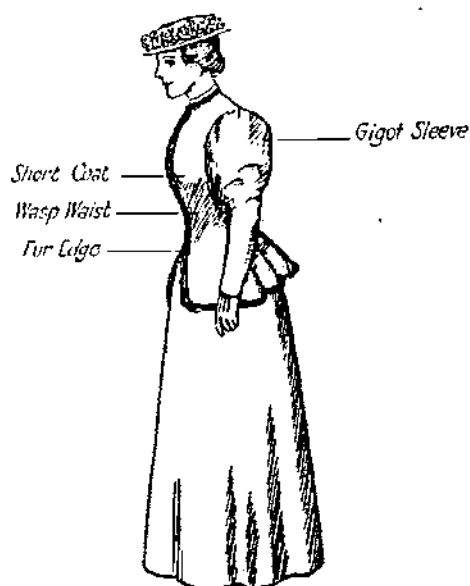
\* Sue Hardy has copied over 50 photos in a 1904 album given to Caves House. Some are particularly significant additions to our collection.

\* The Jubilee Cave has been photographed by Peter Culley, Sue Hardy and myself in preparation for the November celebrations.

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**BUT** There are still many more items, including photos and even albums missing. Please hunt around, clean out your cupboards and garages & locate those items you borrowed long ago. JCHAPS needs everything back as ASAP - No questions asked !

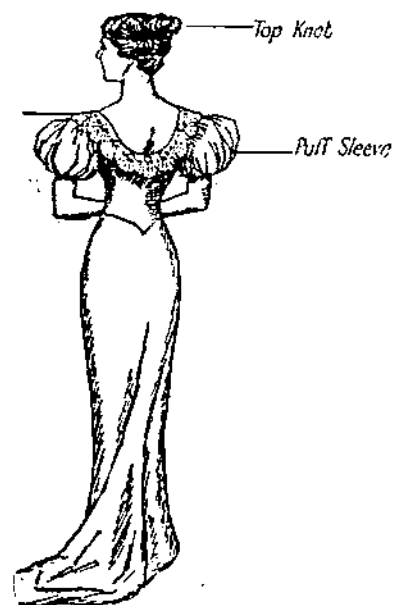
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AUTUMN COSTUME, 1894



DAY DRESS, 1892



A BALL DRESS, 1893

Sydney Morning Herald - Tuesday April 3rd 1888

#### ROWDYISM AT THE CAVES OF JENOLAN

Under this head "A Visitor from England" writes as follows:-

"At the beginning of the present week, my wife, I and two gentlemen paid a visit to the far-famed Caves of Jenolan, being strongly urged to do so by friends in Sydney. Of the drive from Mount Victoria, and of the Caves themselves, I should find it difficult to sufficiently express my admiration. My object, however, in writing to you is to express my deep regret that so wonderful a place should be allowed, even occasionally, to become a gathering-place for noisy rowdies, and that no order whatever should be preserved either in the Inn or the Caves.

During our two day's stay, a large party of ill-behaved people from Bathurst were present, whose conduct went far to destroy any enjoyment derived from the visit. One man of the party seemed to act as ringleader in rough horseplay, and distinguished himself as we were going through the Imperial Cave by bawling blasphemous parodies of Sankey and Mocdy's hymns. During the evening the same person, with the hangers-on of the Inn, under-guides, and others, kept up such a shouting and noise till after midnight as to render any rest to travellers thoroughly tired utterly impossible.

But this was just the beginning of annoyance. When the other inhabitants of the Inn were in their bedrooms, these persons began violently to ring a large bell outside the Inn door, used for summoning guests to meals, and this went on at intervals, without let or hindrance, for more than an hour. When this was over, the bell was taken down and tied around the neck of a cow, which was driven behind the Inn, close under the main line of bedrooms, and so for the remainder of the night a loud jangling was kept up, and sleep effectually banished."

Sydney Morning Herald - Wednesday April 4th 1888

The Minister for mines is much surprised at the alleged rowdyism reported to have occurred at the Jenolan Caves, & has called upon the caretaker Mr. Wilson, who is in charge of the caves, for a report upon the matter.

Mr. Abigail seems inclined to think that the affair has been exaggerated, but if the allegations are substantiated, we understand that the Minister will take steps to render a recurrence of such conduct quite impossible.

Mr. Abigail declares that the arrangements in connection with the comfort of tourists at the caves appeared to be in excellent order during his recent visit, and furthermore, that Mr. Wilson appeared to be very vigilant in the performance of his duties.

The Minister, however, feels that the comfort of tourists is, of course, a matter of great importance at the caves, & expresses himself anxious to have all causes for dissatisfaction at once reported to the department, to be investigated & dealt with.

In connection with the caves, it may be interesting to many to learn that the Inspector of Forests has left Sydney for the Fish River district for the purpose of designing a plantation between the caves & the house.

Courtesy R.Lindsay.



JUBILEE CENTENARY

JCHAPS members are needed to help out during the centenary celebrations in November. To help things run as smoothly as possible we would like to know who will be available over the two weeks.

All JCHAPS members are asked to wear period costume over this time. Men wore three piece suits, if it is too hot for a coat, then a waistcoat should be worn. Women of the day wore long straight skirts with high necked blouses. Children, girls were in skirts/dresses to below the knees, boys wore long pants.

The activities involving members are:

- \* Manning the Museum
- \* Manning the Displays in the Resource Centre
- \* Conducting Historical Surface Walks
- \* General PR and promoting of JCHAPS
- \* Tours of Red Cave (3 tours, 6 per group)

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NAME:

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|---------|------------------|-------|
| Sat13   | Displays         | _____ |
|         | Walks            | _____ |
|         | JCHAPS meeting   | _____ |
|         | Black Tie Dinner | _____ |
| Sun14   | Displays         | _____ |
|         | Walks            | _____ |
| Mon-Fri | Displays/Walks   | _____ |
| Sat20   | Displays         | _____ |
|         | Walks            | _____ |
|         | Bush Dance       | _____ |
| Sun21   | Displays         | _____ |
|         | Walks            | _____ |
| Mon-Fri | Displays/Walks   | _____ |
| Sat27   | Displays/Walks   | _____ |
|         | SBS Concert      | _____ |
| Sun28   | Displays/Walks   | _____ |
|         | SBS Concert      | _____ |

I am interested in doing a Red Cave Inspection. YES/NO

Please return to the Guides Office.  
R.S.V.P 31st October 1993. Ph. 063 593311

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..... Postcode: .....

Telephone: ..... Date: .....

Names of children included in membership; also Date of Birth:

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Please enrol me as a member for the year: .....

I enclose cheque/money order for the sum of \$ .....

Please forward to:            The Membership Secretary  
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(042-296754 Maureen Sullivan)

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**NEXT JCHAPS MEETING**

**GENERAL MEETING**

**FOLLOWED BY**

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**SATURDAY 12TH JANUARY 1994**

**8.30pm**

**OLD SCHOOL HOUSE**

Committee Meeting 3pm Tropical Heights

\* Leffel Wheel Preservation Sub-Committee to meet with representatives from the Trust etc on Saturday 12th January 1994 at 10.30am in Caves House. On site inspection to be conducted followed by Proposals for Restoration? Preservation? etc.

Meeting Dates For 1994....

FEBRUARY 12TH, MAY 14TH, AUGUST 13TH, NOVEMBER 12TH.

A Message From The Secretary

Just a quick note to let you know that the next meeting of the Society will be held on Saturday 12th February 1994 at 8:30pm in the Old School House. This meeting will be followed by the 1994 Annual General Meeting of the Society. The committee meeting will be held at 3:00pm on the same day, most probably in "Tropical Heights".

If you have anything that you would like included on the agenda for discussion at the meetings, please ring me at home on (02) 622-0920 or work on (02) 227-1621.

If you would like to stand for a Committee position, please forward a written and signed nomination form to reach me at home no later than the week before the meeting. Please note that all nominations must be signed by a seconder. My address is:

107 Killarney Avenue  
Blacktown. 2148.

I look forward to seeing you at Jenolan in February.

Scott Melton  
Secretary.

CLEAN-UP AUSTRALIA DAY

Sunday March 6th, 1994.

Well, that time is fast approaching when we don our overalls and rubber gloves to set about picking up after the filthies of our world. Yes, Clean-Up Australia Day.

JCHAPS members have participated well in the Clean-Up Australia programme at Jenolan since it began in 1990. Many tonnes of Rubbish have been dragged out of both the caves and the bush on the reserve as well as by the roadsides within the reserve.

So much refuse has been removed from the actual caves that there is very little left to be attacked. The Reserve still harbours a few sites that require attention and I suppose the roadsides will always need to be looked at although it is quite heartening to see that each year there is less to be found.

This year anyone keen to participate on the day can register at the Guides Office from 9am onwards with a lunchtime BBQ provided. If you have any questions regarding Clean-Up Jenolan 1994 don't hesitate to call me on (063) 593311.

David Rotherham

Co-ordinator Jenolan Clean-Up Committee

Friday 6-4-1888 Sydney Morning Herald

### Larrikanism at Health Resorts

A correspondent who signs himself "J.I.H", writes:-

"I noticed in your issue of today a letter and leader on same, regarding the conduct of certain individuals at the Jenolan Caves. I am sorry to say such conduct is not confined to that locality, as I have experienced."

Our correspondent says that in the mountains, whilst sojourning at an Hotel during the Easter recess, "We were favoured with a visit from a number of Sydney larrikans, calling themselves gentlemen, whom I understand belong to a government department." The conduct of these gentlemen (sic.) writes our correspondent, until the period when they were ejected bodily from the hotel, consisted of the following acts;

Trying to open the doors of bedrooms where ladies were sleeping, using blasphemous and disgusting language when they failed, throwing water through windows at occupants of bedrooms, coming to the public table in a semi-drunken state, using obscene expressions there, and consuming their food with the aid of their fingers in preference to knives and forks, and generally creating as much noise as possible, one night until 4 o'clock am, when the solitary constable was called in to quell the disturbance.

The next day they were ejected, and when they learned that a police magistrate was stopping at the hotel, sent the Mayor of an up-country town to the landlord to hush the matter up. People usually go to such places up the mountains, for health's sake and quiet; and if such conduct is tolerated, they will not on future occasions go where they have experienced such conduct.

Friday 15-3-1895 Sydney Morning Herald

### FIRE AT THE JENOLAN CAVES. BLOCK OF BUILDINGS DESTROYED NARROW ESCAPE OF THE INMATES

(By Telegraph)  
(From our special correspondent)

JENOLAN CAVES, Thursday. A fire broke out here this morning. It was discovered about 12:40am. All the buildings were destroyed excepting the new house, which was saved after great exertion. The fire ran through the building so quickly that little was rescued, several visitors losing all. Keeper Wilson and several of his family escaped in their night-dresses.

After two hours hard work the fire was got under control. None of the household effects were saved. The building and effects were partly insured. The visitors and residents are safe.

The flames lit up the mountains all round. Only for the good water supply all the buildings would have been destroyed. The neighbouring families gave valuable assistance in checking the flames.

.....Articles supplied Robert Lindsay.

**Second Australian Seminar on  
Spelean History**

**Sydney, Sunday 10th. July 1994.**

**First circular**



The 19th. International Symposium on History of the Geological Sciences will be held at Sydney University from the 4th. to 8th. July 1994. In association with this event, a small group of people interested in aspects of cave and karst history in Australia are convening a special seminar on Sunday 10th July at the University of Sydney. Members of the International Symposium will be welcome, as will cave historians from throughout Australia.

At this stage, the program is completely open, although interest in presenting a paper has already been shown by a number of people. The organising 'non-committee' consists of Keir Vaughan-Taylor, Ross Ellis and Elery Hamilton-Smith. There will be a minimum of formality ; costs will be kept to a minimum. At this stage, we want offers of papers (title and abstract) by 31st. May. Papers will be offered to Helicite for publication, so if you want your paper published (and we hope everybody does) PLEASE bring a final manuscript and diskette to the symposium.

Bookings for the seminar are also welcome ; at this stage, send \$20.00 (payable to R. Ellis, for registration, morning & afternoon teas and lunch. If it costs more, we'll let you know in the next circular.

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If you also wish to enrol in the INHIGEO Symposium on History of the Geological Sciences in the Pacific Region, write to 19th. INHIGEO Symposium, C/- Earth Sciences Foundation, Dept. of Geology & Geophysics, University of Sydney, N.S.W. 2006, and ask for a registration form.

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Please register my intention to attend the Seminar. Fee \$..... enclosed.

Name & Address .....

.....Ph .....Fax .....

Mail to Ross Ellis, 11 Arkana St., Telopea, N.S.W. 2117.



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Editor



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### 1994 MEETING DATES

**14 MAY 1994**  
3.00pm - Committee Meeting  
"Tropical Heights"  
8.30pm - General Meeting  
Old School House

13 AUGUST 1994  
12 NOVEMBER 1994

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

*Our Annual General Meeting in February saw a number of changes to the Committee and Office Bearers.*

*My congratulations to newcomers and thanks to those retiring, especially Sandra Heaney and Maureen Sullivan, for the hard work they have given to the Society.*

*The past year has been a busy one, with progress processing our historical documents and artefacts and a major restoration to the Post Office Museum.*

*There is also much to be tackled this year: preservation of the Leffel Wheel, assistance in classifying cave graffiti (with UNSWSS), oral histories to be recorded and continued work with our historical items, to name a few.*

*There is plenty to do, but it won't get done without the efforts of the members, so let's build on the work done and maintain the reputation we've achieved!*

*Arthur Gray*



*2003M 22nd ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING*

*Well, another year has come and gone in the history of both JCH&PS and, perhaps more importantly, Jenolan.*

*There have been several projects completed, with perhaps the most important being the restoration of the Post Office and the continuing cataloguing of the Society's collection of artefacts. Hopefully, 1994 will see the start of another major project, the restoration of the Leffel Wheel. A busy year ahead, no doubt!*

*I would like to thank the outgoing 1993 Committee and take this opportunity to welcome the 1994 Committee, particularly the new faces. '94 is shaping up to be another successful year for all involved.*

*The next Meeting, due to our normal routine clashing with Mother's Day, will be held on SATURDAY 14 May at 8.30pm in the OLD SCHOOL HOUSE. The Committee meeting will be held at 7pm on that day, most probably in Tropical Heights.*

*I have been guiding on the odd occasion since Christmas and it is amazing some of the statements that visitors make, usually in all seriousness.*

*Try these:*

- => "Do wombats fly like ordinary bats?"*
- "This cave is different to caves overseas, because in caves overseas you go underground!"*
- => "Did the Government build these caves?"*
- => A visitor, standing on the bridge in Lucas Cave: "Is that water down there?"*
- => Still on water: "Is the water tidal?"*

*There are only a few of the many remarks heard - Have YOU heard anything worth sharing? I enjoy guiding and look forward to hearing many more gems in the future.*

*See you at Jenolan in May, if not before*  
*Scott Melton*

**Extracts from 1993 President's report submitted to the 22nd Annual General Meeting, 12 February 1994**

...The past year has proved to be one of the busiest and most successful years in Jenolan Caves Historical and Preservation Society History. Marked by the greatly improved relations both within the Society and between the Society, the Trust, Peppers and other organisations.

In May in association with Sydney Speleological Society members of JCH&PS were well represented at the launching of two significant caving publications.

Early in December, yet another book launch took place with the republication of The Wizard of Jenolan by Nuri Mass. The publisher, Harry Hughes kindly donated several copies of the book, one of which has been placed in the Society's archives.

The most significant event was the Centenary celebrations for the discovery of the Jubilee Cave held in November.

A new project for the coming year the Leffel Wheel has been designated the most significant industrial archaeological site in Australia. As such the Society in conjunction with the Trust and other interested parties have commenced discussions regarding the preservation/ restoration of this valuable site, and 1994 should see the Society active in this project.

The Grand Arch precinct and transport access to Jenolan continues. Options were displayed on the weekend of January 22/23 1994.

The process of incorporation and redrafting the Constitution continue. These processes are long but no doubt will be finalised in the coming year.

Sandra Heaney

**RESEARCH & CURATOR'S REPORT**  
(Edited) from the Annual General Meeting held in February 1994

1993 has been an interesting and rewarding year with an ever increasing workload as more and more people became active in providing materials and contacts. The catalyst was the Jubilee Centenary celebrations and the restoration and reopening of the Post Office to coincide with the November festivities

...we have acquired materials such as the newspaper extracts of the 1962 Pioneer bus accident. In the National Library there is one copy of sheet music - The Jenolan Waltz - written about 1910. We have not been able to overcome the copyright restrictions so we are still seeking a copy. Do you have one? Know anyone who has?

**Artefacts**

The Society's collection... is growing albeit fairly slowly at present. Adequate, accessible, safe storage must be a priority for 1994.

**Static Displays**

(the Museum) .... provided the stimulus for us to find photos etc. which had not been seen before - Taylor's 1904 photos, the Pioneer bus crash, copies of Caney's 1880 photos, Fred Wilson, Wilson's coach and the penny farthings to make an interesting and very different display.

**Oral History**

In mid 1993 we discovered that the National Library had recorded an interview with Mrs Pearl Smith, the daughter of Fred Wilson, and niece of Jeremiah. We obtained a copy for the Society. In late September we contacted

the nursing home to try and make contact with Mrs Smith's son who was also on the National Library tape. The result was an invitation from Mrs Smith to visit her. Armed with flowers and a video camera we visited this amazing 105 year old lady and marvelled at the clarity of her memory and her keen interest in what Jenolan is like now. Mrs Smith said she was honoured that we came and that the people of Jenolan, guides and historical society members, were interested in her. Clearly the honour was ours and it remains the most outstanding event of 1993.

**Projects for 1994**

The main tasks would appear to be:

- continue with photographic copying and cataloguing
- record far more oral history
- encourage, help and guide such as the University of New South Wales Speleological Society which is looking at recording historical signatures as their main project for 1994
- tackle the storage problems
- continue to encourage new members, participation and links with similar organisations.

Joan Edwards  
Susan Hardy



**DO YOU KNOW OF THE  
WHEREABOUTS OF ANY JENOLAN  
ARTEFACTS?**

There is an on-going appeal for any items of historical interest from Jenolan that may be hidden or forgotten.

If you know of any items which could well be preserved by the Society you may safely return them to the Curator or any Committee member and no questions will be asked. This Society relies on your honesty and generosity.

JCH&PS collections are precious. Please note that articles being sold in the Jenolan Caves Kiosk have not been obtained from JCH&PS and have never had any connection with the Society.

***From the Editor:***

***Putting a Newsletter out four times a year does not just 'happen'? If you have anything you think someone else may be interested in please let me know. I'm just a phone call away and my work fax number is also on the Committee list in this issue. Please make use of it!***

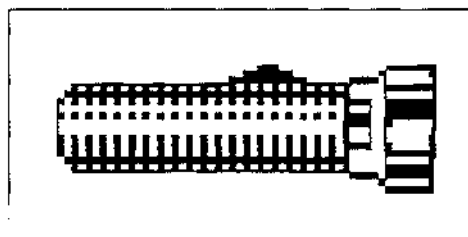
***It is my intention to bring to the members as much information of what the Society is all about and what it is doing, as I can glean. I'm only new to JCH&PS so any historical information you have will be new to more people like me.***

**HISTORICAL GRAFFITI**

Colleagues from UNSWSS have undertaken the documentation of as much Historical Graffiti as can be found in the Caves.

We may be able to imagine to some small degree the enormity of this task which is likely to take a long long time. Rob Whyte is heading up the team of researchers and has recently rejoined JCH&PS after an absence of 10 years. Welcome back, Rob.

Whilst exploring Bushranger Cave recently Rob and associates from UNSWSS came across a bone china cup in a very rusty billy can. - Thanks guys!



**CONSTITUTION**

With this issue of "Binoomea" you will find a draft copy of the Society's Constitution.

Members are asked to read this carefully and bring any discussion (preferably with written back-up) to the next Meeting which will be held on Saturday 14 May 1994.

Adoption of the new Constitution is imminent and your co-operation now is appreciated.

## THEN .....

### 1894

Visitors are conducted through the Caves by the Caretaker or a Guide, for which service no charge is made; but the admission of a visitor to any Cave is by ticket only, which may be obtained at the Jenolan Post Office.

Until further notice, charges for tickets will be:-

- For an ordinary week-day of Caves other than the Temple of Baal, River Cave and Jubilee Cave (and the Orient Cave when opened), 2s each person.
- For an ordinary week-day inspection of the Temple of Baal Cave, River Cave, Jubilee Cave (and Orient Cave when opened), 3s each person
- For each Sunday and week-night inspection, 3s each person

These charges are for the use of artificial lights. No visitor is permitted to inspect any Cave until the prescribed form of ticket has been collected.

Third Edition  
Guide to The Jenolan Caves  
O Trickett 1915"

*"In 1894 a total of 1038 visitors signed the Visitors' Book at Caves House.*

*By far the largest number came from New South Wales (572) and other Australian States (215), while 50 arrived from New Zealand and 164 from Britain. Other countries represented included France, Germany, Africa, America, India, China, Samoa and Fiji.*

*Among the comments recorded that year were the following:*

*"Grand sights! Grand Guide! Grand Everything!"*

*"Every cave is a palace or a gem: every stream is musical, and the scenery is poetry materialised"*

*Pictorial Memories Blue Mountains  
John Low 1991"*

## AND NOW

With the approaching anniversary of the discovery of **Barralong Cave**, I thought it would be pertinent to repeat some interesting facts found in early editions of the Society's Newsletters:

*"The prolific Ronald Newbould read a detailed account of the discovery of the, officially named, **Barellan Cave**. He pointed out that the discoverers of the cave called it **Barralong**. The meeting subsequently resolved to request that the official name should be changed to that given by the discoverers"*

July 1974

*"In the May general meeting Ron Newbould read his diaries describing the discovery of the cave which he and his co-discoverers named **Barralong**. The cave was later named **Barellan** by the Department of Tourism. This meeting was probably the first time that many people had heard the use of two different names. The meeting decided to ask the department to restore the original name and authorised our patron, Ald. H.G. Coates, M.L.A., to approach the Minister for Tourism.*

*Negotiations took some time, but Mr Coates persisted and we are now happy to report that the Minister has approved that the cave be known, in future, as the **Barralong Cave**.*

*The meaning of **Barralong** is the same as **Barellan**, namely "meeting of the waters".*

*The annual general meeting of the society decided to publish Mr Newbould's **Barralong diaries**."*

September 1974

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all membership records are  
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