

# MSS NEWSLETTER

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Cover Shot: Rod on the last abseil in Crikey Canyon Photo by Julie Burton

NEWSLETTER OF THE METROPOLITAN SPELEOLOGICAL SOCIETY INC. P.O. Box 178, THORNLEIGH, NSW, 2120

#### **Society News**

Membership Fees

Membership fees for 2011 are now due. These are:

Full member \$80
Prospective member \$30
Family membership \$160
Honorary membership \$45
Non- ASF (No Caving) \$30

Please contact Jim Crockett if you wish to change your membership category.

Payment options include:

Cash – to Jim Crockett

Cheque – made out to Metropolitan Speleological Society Inc. Bank Transfer (preferred option) – BSB is 062021, Account Number is 000901421 and be sure to include your name in the message.

**Next Meeting** 

To be hosted by Danielle Lewin on the 17th February. An agenda will be circulated prior to the meeting. Please RSVP Danielle Lewin (0404 305 878, danielle.lewin1@three.com.au) if you will be attending or with your apology.

**Future Trips** 

A number or trips were proposed at the last meeting. These have now been added to the Trip Calendar in the newsletter, with dates where they have been set. Please contact Jim Crockett or Rod Smith if there is a trip you would like to do that has not been proposed (this does not mean that you will have to volunteer to lead the trip)!

National Geographic at Wee Jasper On the Saturday 12th of March the National Geographic Channel is running a 'Live Curious' quiz night to raise funds for the Wee Jasper Reserves Trust. Entry is \$20 per person. Enter as an individual or part of a team, the winner or winning team goes in a draw to win \$15000 worth of travel plus a video camera! There's also a lucky door prize! All enquiries phone 62279626 or email enquiries@weejasperreserves.com.au. See attached flyer.

#### **Trip Reports**

#### Capertee National Park 18th and 19th December 2010

Report by: Rod Smith

Participants: Rod Smith (MSS & NHVSS), Jodie Rutledge (NHVSS), Michael Rutledge (NHVSS), Ray Etherton (BMSC & NHVSS), Natalie Etherton (BMSC & NHVSS), Fletcher Etherton (BMSC & NHVSS), Dearne Meissner (Visitor), Phil Maynard (SUSS), Kat Badiola (SUSS), Alan Pryke (SUSS), Rowena Larkins (SUSS), J.R. Skok (visitor from USA), Rick Webber (BMSC), Phil Niciak (BMSC), Paul McKendry (BMSC), Ben Niciak (BMSC), Shane Anderson (BMSC), Alicson Anderson (BMSC)

Close, but no cigar: Jill Rowling (SUSS), Mike Lake (SUSS), Danielle Lewin (MSS)

I arrived at Sox Electrical about 7pm Friday, scaring the crap out of Natalie when she looked up and saw me about to knock on the open door. I was offered a delicious looking hamburger but I was still full from my dinner, a packet of smarties.

It wasn't long before I found out I was the only one expected that evening. Jodie, Michael, Phil, Paul, Rick and Ben were expected at 9am, Danielle at 9:30am, and then we'd all drive to the locked gate to the National Park where we'd meet the SUSS contingent at 10am. Sounds simple enough, how could that possibly go wrong?

Having only told Danielle to meet at Rylestone I decided to call her to let her know where Sox Electrical, and thus us, would be found. The lack of reception caused a problem, until Ray lent me his phone, but I only got voicemail. I left a message, hopefully that would suffice.

Jodie, Michael, Paul, Phil, Rick and Ben all arrived exactly at 9am, impressive considering the distance they were coming from, and from two completely different directions. Danielle didn't arrive exactly at 9:30am. I was wondering where she was and wishing I'd given her better instructions and directions.

I decided to have a quick look around Rylestone for Danielle while the rest headed for Capertee National Park to meet the SUSS cavers. A quick tour of Rylestone failed to yield Danielle, so I raced after the others.

We reconvened at the care-takers residence where we said a brief hello. It was then south to where we'd found the better looking limestone on the previous trip. Consultation of maps and Google aerial photos distinguished two main areas to concentrate our initial search efforts. We split into two groups and began.

A couple of hours later we rejoined for lunch and discussed our progress. Other than a few spots of limited potential, nothing substantial was discovered. This was a bit disappointing, but we certainly weren't about to give up.

After lunch Fletcher had decided he'd had enough, so Ray and Natalie took him home. The rest of us took a fire trail that lead to the headwaters of Limestone Gully. With a name like that, where

else could we go? However, we soon found this to be a misnomer as there was only sandstone to be found. On our way back Alan found a trickle of water coming out of the side of a creek bed. Digging through the mud he soon had a reasonable flow coming out, but it was only through gravel.

Another detour saw us looking in Deadmans Creek. We found a small amount of limestone, and quite a number of old car bodies and other rubbish, but no caves.

Although not too late, we decided it was time to head back to Ray and Nat's place and order our pizzas for the evening. If you're in the area we can all thoroughly recommend the Kandos pizza shop (don't know the exact name, but there's not a lot of options).

Over dinner Ray told us that he'd talked to the caretaker who'd told him about the cave under the property that a previous owner had flown a Cessna and driven a road train through. The entrances had been filled in to stop children falling in, but Ray was shown where one of the entrances was located.

We had our doubts about this information, but it seemed to be worth a look. So the next morning we drove out to the given location (after a small detour when we missed a turn-off). There was definitely a hole there with some rocks in the way, but you'd be lucky to fit more than one person in it, let alone a Cessna. Still, people were keen and a dig began.

With the number of people we had, not everyone could be involved in the dig, so some of us went off looking for other opportunities. While walking through the long grass and weeds we were amazed at the number of butterflies taking wing in front of us. It was quite an amazing sight. Shortly afterwards we heard a large tree branch fall on the hill side above us. As Alan pointed out, it was a great example of the butterfly effect.

By lunch-time the dig had increased the size of the "cave", but it hadn't opened into any massive chambers or passages.

Ray and Nat's BBQ catering was up to its usual exceptional quality.

After lunch the dig continued while the rest of us decided to have a look at the spring Alan had dug out the day before. We drove over to find the water was still pouring out; there is obviously quite a reservoir under the ground somewhere near there. We had a look in the area to see if we could find any other evidence of a largish hole. The best possibility was a large clump of blackberry in the middle of open grassland slightly uphill from the spring. Most people have experienced blackberries near cave entrances, so we concluded there was a possible entry there. But since the blackberry was quite thick we'll leave clearing it out and having a good look til our next trip.

After this we regrouped. It was agreed that although we didn't find any great underground wonders, a great weekend was had by all, and we'd be back for another go.

#### **Bubblebath and Crikey Canyons**

15th and 16th January 2011

Report by: Rod Smith

Photos by: Julie Burton, Rod Smith

Participants: Jim "Experimental" Crockett, Julie "Fire Bug" Burton, Rod "I Think" Smith (TL)

After a rather horrible week I thought I was definitely in need of a couple of canyons. So, although there'd been some emails bouncing around, questioning the weather and water volumes, it was with some relief on my part that trip was still going ahead.

I was thinking I'd need to take an overnight pack and have a small pack for the actual canyons, but was surprised when everything fit in my canyoning pack. I think it was mainly because I choose meals that didn't need to be cooked and could be eaten straight out of the packet.

Loading up the car I drove to Jim's to pick him up; I think only about 10 minutes late.

During the drive Jim told me about the hammock/tent he borrowed from a mate and would be experimenting with for the weekend. He was also going to experiment with Falafel mix for dinner Saturday night. He then went on to tell me that he'd experimented with his new 900 lumen light for cycling, and had thought about experimenting with a clip he would make that would fit onto his miners light mount.

We stopped at Blackheath. I wasn't hungry, I think due to lunch unsettling me, but Jim experimented with a hamburger. That experiment worked as it was inhaled before we reached Mt Victoria.

Next stop was the Hole-In-The-Wall carpark, arriving just on sunset, where we set up for the night. I think Jim would have benefitted from some more daylight instead of setting up his experimental hammock/tent in the dark. He finally got it to a point he was happy with it and we went to bed.

Jim's first attempt to enter the hammock/tent saw a clip open and Jim end up on the ground. As Jim experimented

with different ways to rig it up, he also experimented with different swear words each time it failed. All the while Jim was conducting an experiment in his bowels which was letting out large quantities of waste gas.



I think it was not too much later that I heard rustling from Jim, but no swear words.



"Are you in yet Jim?"

"Yep, but I'm not in position yet."

Rustle, rustle.

\*ping\*

"Oh, F&%k!!"

....

"You on the ground Jim?"

"Yep. I'm in but I'm on the ground."

Jim's next experiment seemed to work and he settled in for the evening.

Next morning Julie showed up early, obviously fired up for the weekend ahead. We were aiming to leave the cars around 8am, I think we weren't too late to start.

A couple of hours later we were on a ridge, getting close to where we needed to start our descent. "I think we're near where we need to be. So I think if we start descending, making sure we stick left, I think we'll end up in the right place."

Julie fired back, "There's a lot of 'I think' in there".

After descending a short way I recognised the saddle I was looking for, except it was on our left instead of our right. Crossing over the ridge I was happy we were then in the right spot. Soon we found a gully which we started to descend. It bugged Julie that I didn't pull out the GPS to confirm our location, but the further we descended the happier Julie was that we were in the right place.

Once we located a break in the cliffs on the left we headed up, crossed the Bubblebath creek just below the canyon and located the camp cave. We set ourselves up and had some lunch.

I think there were a number of reasons we decided not to do Crikey that day but do Bubblebath instead. Although this wasn't going to happen til after a siesta.

Julie mentioned there was supposed to be a way up the cliffs just round the corner, where we could then traverse the top of the

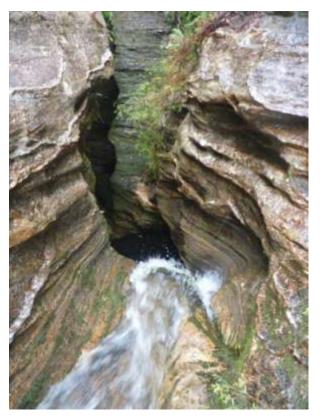


canyon walls and drop in just upstream from the canyon. We went looking for the way up.

"I think I could get up there, but let's see if there's an easier way."

Not finding an easier way I started on the first part, an interesting traverse. I think it would have been very easy if the rock had of been dry! The next part would also have been easier in the dry, but soon I reached the top.

Both Julie and Jim asked for a belay across the ledge which I set up for them. Julie went first then buggered off round the corner to the second part. I was belaying Jim across when Julie appeared behind me, she'd fired herself up and come up very quickly. Jim experimented with the sane approach of getting a belay up the second part as well.



It was easy to follow the slot of the canyon. As we approached the top of the canyon we started heading down, finding the going surprisingly easy. From where we hit the creek I think it was only a couple of minutes before we were in the canyon.

I think the water was up, which added to the effect. Staying out of the water on the abseils was the best option. I think we all fired up our cameras and experimented with different shots.

Two abseils and some spectacular scenery make this canyon worthwhile, but a little short.

We collected water and set about getting a fire going. Jim and I tried a few times, Jim experimenting with some dry looking grass that didn't want to fire up. After we'd both failed Julie had a go. Although she found it difficult, she managed to get the fire burning.

We had dinner, Julie and Jim struggling to get enough heat from the fire to cook their meals. Jim Falafel experiment was apparently edible, but he's not in a hurry to try it again.

The fire died down, and then all of a sudden fired up again. So Julie fed it, and we finally had a roaring fire going.

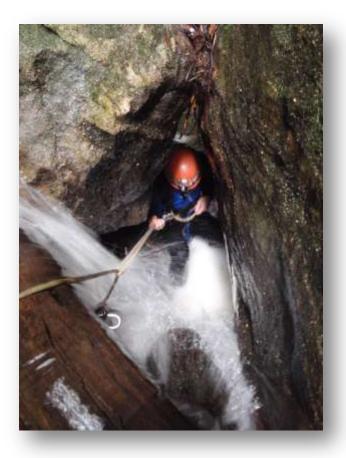
As the sun set we went to bed, Jim experimenting with sleeping on the ground instead of attempting to rig up his experimental hammock/tent. His bowel experiments were still firing off.

Aiming to leave at 7am the next morning we got away at 7:45am. We followed the cliff round to the next corner the headed down into a gully. Halfway down the gully we had to go left to avoid a drop, but otherwise a reasonably straightforward descent. We made a note of where we crossed the Bungleboori and went up the other side.



Getting through the first cliff line wasn't too difficult, I think only one short, interesting, scramble. After admiring the view we attempted the second cliff line. After a few dead-ends Julie was getting fired up, it was taking too long and we didn't want to run out of daylight.

Eventually we found a way through and continued up the ridge. We knew we'd have to go a reasonable distance before dropping in to the Crikey headwaters, but I think we were all getting sick of walking up the ridge. After decided enough was enough we turned right and headed for the creek. Finding a way down that didn't require abseiling we hit the creek around GR 542046. We donned our wetsuits and turned downstream.



At GR 542044 we found another possible way down, something to experiment with next time. Especially since this was just above the start of the canyon.

The volume of water flowing through the canyon got our adrenalin fired up. We left the first abseil rigged while checking the second, which descends through a hole. The water was up, but we wouldn't drown, so we pulled down the first abseil and continued.

The second abseil is awkward and has a second part to it which you need to do before pulling the rope down! The third abseil was another tricky start, they all were, with Jim experimenting with dropping 3m at the start.



It's quite a dark canyon due to being narrow with high walls, and headtorches are definitely handy. A short slide was encountered just before the canyon widened for a short section. Soon we found the fourth abseil and then the fifth. Just before the canyon reaches the Bungleboori there was a very fresh rockfall that we had to climb over. On the other side we could look up and see where it had come from, and the loose boulders still up there. We didn't hang around.

Because the water was up, it was a battle going upstream. Julie buggered off and waited for Jim and me at our exit point. A short climb and we were at the camp cave. We had a late lunch and packed up for the walk back to the cars.

Going up the gully was easier than when we came down because we stayed under the cliff on our right instead of being down in the tributary for as long as possible. Once we reached the top I marked the point, GR 537032, in my GPS. From here it was uphill through the scrub hoping to find the faint track. The sun had made an appearance by now and the bugs (mainly march flies) had found us.

Jim located the track, but we lost it a couple of times. The last time I said "I think it's over there". I headed in that direction and then the terrain changed in a way I didn't expect. I pulled out the GPS and realised we weren't where I thought we were. Julie was fired up about this and, in hindsight, we should have taken her advice of going back to where we'd lost the track to pick it up again. I got us heading in the right direction before Julie found the track and we were off again.

I was struggling by then and Jim and Julie stopped to wait for me at the firetrail. The bugs were bugging Julie so she buggered off, Jim and I behind her. After a 13 hour 10 minute day I arrived at my car.



Two top canyons, but hard to get to.

#### Routeburn and Milford Tracks January 2011

Report by: Johan Verhagen Photos by: Johan Verhagen

Participants: Michael Sliwka (Mountaineering and Routeburn Track), Anne Bishop (Guest

tramper), David Stuckey (Skydiving and Jet Boating), Johan Verhagen (TL)



Flying into Queenstown, the weather was perfect – just right for another (annual) walk in the mountains of Fiordland.

For readers unaccustomed with tramping the 'Great Walks' in New Zealand, the Routeburn is a 3-day, 32km walk and the Milford is 4-day, 53km (or 33.5 miles as traditionally measured).

Both walks offer huts with cooking facilities and allocated bunks – and an opportunity to meet fellow trampers from a host of other countries. There is also some of the most spectacular mountain scenery to enjoy....

The Routeburn Track was sensational – a blue sky and a fantastic opportunity to ascend Conical Hill on the alpine pass....with a view to the ocean! A family from Canada even had a kite!......Mmmmmm that reminds me of other trips.

Reaching the first Routeburn hut at the end of day 1, we were able to catch-up with Michael's mountaineering trip, from just days before and we inturn shared news of David's skydiving, which prevented him from joining us on the walk – but he was busy Jet Boating elsewhere.

Anne, a guest on the walk was very pleased with her ascent of Conical Mountain and of a brave dip into a glacial stream!

Day two and three was a mix of superb scenery and fun times chatting with other trampers.....and of course, perfect weather.

Finishing the walk, we enjoyed two days of R&R in Te Anau – great coffees at the Sandfly Café!



Next walk was the Milford.....commencing with a boat ride and of course, superb weather! Luckily, the weather stayed clear for the famed Mackenzie Pass....a terrific view of alpine peaks all around.

The Milford has everything – lush rainforest, clear mountain streams, high mountains, numerous waterfalls, clean water to drink and even an enchanted forest complete with ferns, moss and elves... At Sandfly Point, it's nice to finish with another boat ride!

What a great trip - as they say in the New Zealand Huts.....Long smiles make short miles....and the success of a walk is measured in the number of email addresses which are shared between trampers at the end of each walk.....so it came to be, we collected addresses in Canada, Alaska, France, New Zealand and Victoria!

We are going to New Zealand again in January 2012 – please come next time.....

Johan



### **Upcoming Events**

#### WEEKEND 5th – 6th February JOHN'S BIRTHDAY CANYONING WEEKEND

Trip Leader: John Gray, 0427 876 679, john.gray@sydneywater.com.au

Contact by: 29th January

What's involved?

Could be anything... Camping (possibly car camping) at Glen Davis, and two mystery canyons.

You will need: Camping gear, pack, wetsuit, abseiling and canyoning gear, headlight (just in case), food, water and some derring-do.

#### WEEKEND 12th – 13th February CANYONING AT NEWNES

Trip Leader: Beth Little, 0405 226 811, littlebeth78@hotmail.com

Contact by: 6th February

What's involved?

Camping at Newnes for The Devil's Pinch and Starlight Canyons.

Both canyons have a few abseils, but usually no swims.

You will need: Car camping gear, canyoning gear (including abseiling gear – wetsuits are optional, canyons can have some water in them but are mostly dry).

## MSS Club Meeting 17th February Danielle Lewin's Place Please contact Danielle for more details

0404 305 878, danielle.lewin1@three.com.au

#### WEEKEND 26th – 27th February CANYONING OFF BELLS LINE OF ROAD

Trip Leader: Rod Smith, 0438 444 262, roderick smith@hotmail.com

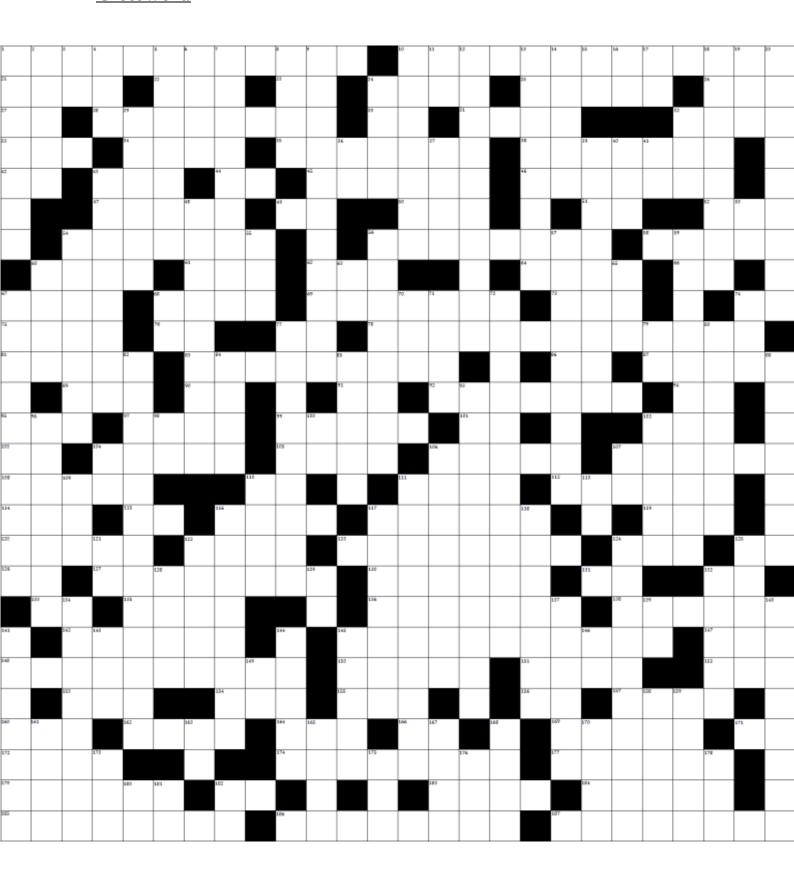
Contact by: 20th February

What's involved?

South Bowens is quite sustained, but not overly technical. Koombanda is short and not very technical. Car camping somewhere nearby.

You will need: Car camping gear, canyoning gear (including abseiling gear).

## Crossword



123. Vegetation Across 69. Bobs mat mixed up his 1 & 10-Across & 10-Down. pretentious words 124. Bond **MSS** 73. Lieutenants 125. Plural of I 74. Indefinite article 126. Helium 10. See 1-Across 21. Affirmative votes 75. A curved structure 127. One husband at a time 22. Universal Resource 76. The fourth tone of a 130. Latin American shawl Indicator diatonic scale 131. In this manner 23. International 77. The third tone of a 132. Quiet Baccalaureate diatonic scale 133. Einsteinium 24. Unconscious 78. J23 135. Font attribute 81. Retype 136. Quintessential 25. Huge 138. Pertaining to a 26. Audio Video Interleave 83. Test sales are insipid 27. Mister (abbrev.) 86. Battery size journey 28. Small climb 87. Karst area east of 142. German emperor 145. No prior experience or 30. Alternating Current Murrurundi 31. Cheer Alfred as he knowledge 89. Age scores 90. Direction travelled 147. Or Top Offer 148. Karst area new Tweed 32. Slovenly with ascenders 33. Minimum (abbrev.) 91. Including You Heads 34. Stare 92. J58, J92, J101, J201, 150. Round the beginning 1220, 1227, 1237 of our star drummer 35. Ordinary 94. The second tone of a 38. Hebrew toast 151. Russian ruler diatonic scale 42. Overseas Experience 152. Rapid Eye Movement 43. Beer 95. Larger (abbrev.) 153. Snake-like fish 44. The fifth tone of a 97. Barely cooked 154. Museum of 99. Calm diatonic scale Contemporary Art 101. Multiple Sclerosis 155. Frozen water 45. Dairy product 46. Super hero 102. Something to do in a 156. Extraterrestrial 47. The baddest of the bad 157. Never a mixed up 49. Otherwise 103. Electronic Arts story 50. It is (abbrev.) 104. I can't see the forest! 160. Greek letter 51. Doctor 105. Groan 162. Time past 106. Veranda 164. X 52. Sensory organ 54. None sit under strain 107. Ultra-modern 166. Specific Gravity 56. Karst area south of 169. Dodge 108. Greek letter 110. Big brother 171. The first tone of a Goulburn 111. Malaysian starch 58. Flinders University diatonic scale Speleological Society Inc. 112. Severity 172. 43-Across comes in 114. Retail Information 60. Like a \_ on a rock these 61. Wildebeest Systems 174. Not an odd tune for 62. Cow noise 115. Nobelium evening service 64. Sydney University 116. Method of moving 177. Sharp reply Speleological Society 179. Saint of Regensburg 66. North Sydney 117. Alberts tree in high 182. Bovine 67. The mixed team are mountainous region 183. What you did to sleep 119. 24 hours 184. Donut

120. Hold on to

122. 4 appear on cars

carnivores

68. Plural of singular

185. Karst area near

Kempsey

186. Karst area near

Orange

187. Karst area near

Orange

#### Down

1. Longest cave

2. 12-Down upper entry

3. Tellurium

4. Rover Speleological

Society

5. People who purify

6. Of the mouth

7. Rock found in karst

areas

8. Lean

9. Karst area where MSS is

controlling club

10. See 1-Across

11. Afternoon

12. Y1, Y2, Y3

13. Equalities (French)

14. Lubricator

15. Lanthanum

16. Upon

17. Greater Than

18. Mel scans at peace

19. Apprehended Violence

Order

20. Club position

24. Hole in the ground

29. Karst area near

Kanangra

32. Safety Institute of

Australia

36. International House

37. Continent in spas I

attend

39. 6N83 Old \_

40. As well as

41. You Moron

43. In the direction of the

wind

48. WJ7

53. Arsenic

54. Surname of Hugh

Grant's character in

Notting Hill

55. Our backwards star is

more than one Greek letter

56. Karst area north-east of

Goulburn

57. Treeless place

59. Not religious

60. The series of stages in

an ecological succession

63. Object Oriented

65. Sydney Speleological

Society

67. Karst area east of Big

Hole

68. Belonging to

70. Book of Shadows

71. Advanced Trade Skill

Window

72. Y19

74. Tax office

77. Caves are found near

this South Australian town

79. Street (abbrev.)

80. Pictures collectively

82. Karst area in the Snowy

Mountains

84. Our cousins

85. A colour

88. 120

93. The faculty for creating

mental concepts

96. Vestibule

98. Atomic Emission

100. Launch Operations

102. D in LED

104. Thorium

106. Covering walls

107. Roy and \_

109. Greek letter

110. Story teller

111. Tiredness

113. Exists

116. See 125-Down

117. Poison with an AC

rinse

118. A recluse

121. Nautical Mile

122. German coin

124. Arnie the politican

125 & 128-Down & 116-

Down. Bat disease

128. See 125-Down

129. Greeting (slang)

132. Tale

134. Scottish screech

137. Holiday with rabbits

139. Identification

140. Karst area near Taree

141. Surname of longest

serving MSS president

143. Consumed

144. Slide

145. Fluid waste

146. Thanks

149. Cubic centimetre

158. Love

159. Show again

161. Present

163. Rhenium

165. Bad

167. Precious metal

168. Opposed to (poetic)

170. Prohibit

173. Special Air Service

175. Maiden name

176. No

178. Tasmanian Symphony

Orchestra 180. Radium

181. Decibels (abbrev.)

182. An exclamation

#### Trip Calendar

Weekend 5th-6th February Canyoning

John's Birthday Canyoning Weekend

Trip Leader: John Gray

Contact: 0427 876 679, john.gray@sydneywater.com.au

By: asap Grade: Medium

Weekend 12th-13th February Canyoning

Devil's Pinch and Starlight Trip Leader: Beth Little

Contact 0405 226 811, littlebeth78@hotmail.com

By: weekend before Grade: Medium

Thursday 17th February MSS MEETING

Quarterly MSS Meeting

To be held at: Danielle Lewin's place

Contact: 0404 305 878, danielle.lewin1@three.com.au

Weekend 26th-27th February Canyoning

South Bowens and Koombanda Trip Leader: Roderick Smith

Contact: 0438 444 262, roderick smith@hotmail.com

By: weekend before Grade: Medium

Weekend 12th-13th March Canyoning

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Trip Leader: Julie Burton

Contact: 0423 085 365, julbur@tpg.com.au

By: weekend before Grade: Medium

Note change of trip leader!

Easter 2011 (Early April) Cillagoe QLD Chillicon

Trip Leader: Jim Crockett

Contact: 0407 284 256, jim.crockett@reach.com

By: asap

Grade: Conference with field trips

May or June 2011 Caving

Timor Caves TBA Weekend 28th-29th May

Caving

Jenolan – Family friendly Trip Leader: Roderick Smith

Contact: 0438 444 262, roderick smith@hotmail.com

By: weekend before

Grade: Easy

Weekend 24-25 September

Caving

Jenolan

Trip Leader: Roderick Smith

Contact: 0438 444 262, roderick smith@hotmail.com

By: weekend before

Grade: Hard

2011

Caving

Kempsey

Trip Leader: Danielle Lewin

Contact: 0404 305 878, danielle.lewin1@three.com.au

By: TBA

Grade: Surveying

2011

Caving

Abercrombie - Joint trip with BMSC

Trip Leader: Jim Crockett

Contact: 0407 284 256, jim.crockett@reach.com

By: TBA Grade: Easy

2011

Caving

Colong – Joint trip with CASM Trip Leader: Roderick Smith

Contact: 0438 444 262, roderick smith@hotmail.com

By: TBA

Grade: Medium - Hard

2011

Caving

Cleifden – probably joint trip Trip Leader: Jim Crockett

Contact: 0407 284 256, jim.crockett@reach.com

By: TBA Grade: Easy

November or December 2011

Caving

Tasmania

Trip Leader: Danielle Lewin

Contact: 0404 305 878, danielle.lewin1@three.com.au

By: TBA

Grade: Surveying

#### Appendix 1 - Agenda

MSS 404th General Meeting, 17/2/2011 Held at Danielle Lewin's place

Any Corrections to Previous Meetings Minutes:

#### Correspondence:

Committee Members Reports:
President –
Treasurer –
Equipment Officer –
Training Officer –
Librarian –

Status of Action Items:

Constitution updating – Warwick Blake

Web site hosting – Rod Smith

UIS Conference feasibility study – Jim Crockett

EPIRB quotes – Jim Crockett

Updating membership details – Jim Crockett

Back issues of Helictite magazine – Cathi Humphrey-Hood

Sourcing 4-drawer filing cabinet – Rod Smith

Other bank account options – Chris Johnstone

New Business:

Next Meeting:



Wee gasper Reserves Trust presents a

## NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC 'LIVE CURIOUS' QUIZ NIGHT

Saturday 12 March 2011

### WEE JASPER MEMORIAL HALL

Begins 7.30pm promptly

BYO food and beverage

Professional Quiz Master, National Geographic Prizes on the night, plus the winning team/individual goes into a draw to win \$15,000 worth of travel and a video camera! There's a lucky door prize too!

Enter as a team or individual - maximum size of team is 8. Cost is \$20 per person. Register your team or individual entry NOW or put your name down to join a team! Don't miss out.

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