



# CHILLAGOE CAVING CLUB

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## AUGUST NEWSLETTER

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Dear Cavers,

Lots of Club members have been caving in the last couple of months, and not just in Chillagoe. Alan Cummins has written a small report about what went on at Broken River, but the Exec would very much like to hear from others. This is a Club newsletter and having other people contribute to it would be fantastic. Please also remember that photos and trips can go on the website quite easily by emailing them to our webmaster.

Recently our Club has played host to a number of groups in Chillagoe, including the Cairns Youth orchestra. We also hosted the Sydney Speleological Society on a week long expedition, and I have been asked by both groups to express their thanks to the Club and especially to our caretaker Carol.

2011 is getting closer fast, and we have to begin seriously planning for the ASF Biennial Conference that we are going to host. Anyone who is interested should contact the Executive in the next couple of months.

### CLUB FREEHOLDING

It is with great pleasure that I can announce to the Club membership that thanks to donations through the Far North Queensland Youth Assistance Fund (totalling some \$10,000) we now have the money to FREEHOLD our Club house and facilities. This is a momentous step for CCC and something that people have put a lot of effort into over the years. Thank you to the members who contributed so much to that effort.

### CLUB WEEKENDS

Here is a list of upcoming Club weekends and activities:-

**August 30<sup>th</sup>** – BYO BBQ and DVD night at Alan Cummin's place in Gordonvale beginning at 5pm till late.

**September – 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>** - Cave rescue weekend/course, working bee.

**November – 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> – SRT weekend, Christmas breakup.**

If you are planning to come to a club weekend, it is imperative that you contact our Secretary, Bruce Dane, to let him know you are coming. This is particularly important for new members as otherwise you may be left without a trip leader! Bruce's contact details are:-

Bruce Dane:- Ph: 07 4095 5224, [bdane1@eq.edu.au](mailto:bdane1@eq.edu.au)

### **HOT WATER SYSTEM**

Barry NEALE has offered the Club a 140L hot water system for our shower/toilet block. It needs to be transported up to Bruce Dane's place so that he can work on it. If you are passing through Edmonton on your way to the Tablelands could you please contact either Barry or Bruce to organise to take it with you.

### **SYDNEY SPELEOLOGICAL SOCIETY VISIT**

CCC recently hosted a group from SSS for a week at Chillagoe. Caves visited included Crocodile, Disney, the Queenslander and a trip to the main entrance of Spring Cave. SSS wished to express its thanks to our Club for a great time had by all. The invitation has also gone out that if our members wish to cave down south, that we have only to contact them to organise a trip.

### **BROKEN RIVER 2008**

By Alan Cummins

Once again we invaded Broken River. Margaret and I for 16 days, David 14 days, Paul about 11, Douglas, Paco, Graham, Ebony, van, Kiwi, the Dane family all for about a week, and Michael for 2 days.

As always the water was too cold so not much swimming was done. Margaret, David and I visited Dosey Station and enjoyed a cup of tea with them. We took the Danes sight seeing as this was their first trip, they were impressed.



But now the interesting part, we did lots of caving, especially Paul and Douglas. Millenium is getting bigger and bigger every time I go in. More new caves were found and we have decided that next year we need to do some tagging and survey and recording.

I am slowly finding my way around but the caves there are very confusing, and go on for ever! Syphon was flowing and most of us got wet going through, though Kiwi managed to get around most of the water.

The suspended table in "Bushman's cave " has fallen down as the timbers rot. There are some very interesting caves there, very different from Chillagoe, mostly joint controlled, two stream caves, with lots of phreatics. One in particular has rock layering that really stands out and has to be seen to be believed.

On our last day Bruce, Crystallyn, and I went up on top of the tower to see if we could identify where the swiftlets were entering, after a lot of patience we watched them dive down a hole. Number one priority next year!!!

Alan

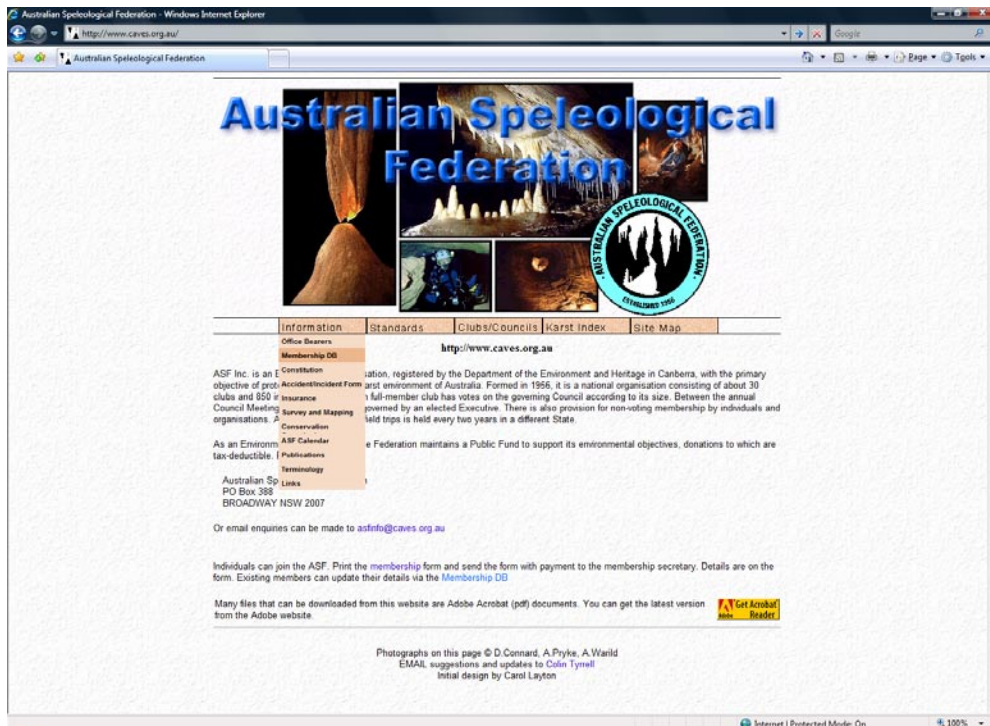
### **CAVE RESCUE EXERCISE**

Our next Club weekend is going to include a cave rescue exercise to be organised by Bones. These exercises are a good opportunity for Club members to gel together as a team should a rescue ever need to be attempted. Please contact either the Executive or Bones if you would like to attend.



## CAVING WEBSITE OF THE MONTH

A new segment of our monthly newsletter is website of the month. We are hoping to feature one caving website each time, be it a fellow club, caving organisation, gear shop etc... . This week it's the ASF's turn. The website is situated at [www.caves.org.au](http://www.caves.org.au):-



There is a lot of useful information on the website, including fellow Club details, ASF contact details, Codes of Conduct and Ethics, and Annual Reports. It also contains a membership database which you can access to check your own membership details (each member can check only their own details). Check it out and give some feedback 😊.

**Have fun caving and hope to see you at a Club weekend soon!**