

Past Trips From General Meetings

PAST TRIPS FROM FEBRUARY GM

- 1 Ken Smith dived in the 300m long first sump of Junee Spring next to Growing Swallet in Tasmania. Maximum water depth is 60m but the cave chokes off at 40m depth.
- 2 Mark Sefton went with Steve Milner to Tasmania mainly to visit Kubla Khan Cave. Debbie Hunter was their main contact. There had been heavy rain just prior to the trip and all caves were very wet with heavy stream loads. The Kubla trip visit was into both ends instead of a through trip. Honeycomb Cave is about a km long and well worth a visit; it's one of several good caves that do not need a permit to enter. Westmoreland Cave had glow worms. The situation was unusual in that holes over a wide landscape could be seen to be venting "steam" and it would have been an ideal time to locate the major cave entrances.

PAST TRIPS FROM MARCH GM

- 3 Marie Choi visited Tasmania and attended a meeting of the STC where about 14 people attended.
- 4 In November 2009 Ken Smith took part in an 18 hour expedition in the Elk River streamway in the Murrindal Potholes Reserve at Buchan in Victoria. Ken Smith (CEGSA) and Mike Collins (SUSS) provided assistance to the push divers Jim Arundale and Agnes Milowka (both VSA) in pushing the upstream and downstream limits of the streamway. Peter Freeman (VSA) and Ted Mathews (Jenolan Caves) provided invaluable support in moving gear to and from the first sump.

Downstream sump 6 was extended to a distance of 60m without surfacing. Upstream sump 2 was passed to reveal 50m of low passage which sumped again. The explored streamway passage is now 1400m in length. The cave system is the deepest in Victoria at 105m deep. It also has potential to become the longest continuous stream passage in Victoria. The system is now referred to as the "Murrindal Potholes Eastern Master Cave" (MPEMC).
- 5 Ken Smith helped in a push dive at Jenolan.
- 6 Ian Charlesworth reported on the Corra Lynn Portal Dig held on the 13th March.

PAST TRIPS FROM APRIL GM

- 7 Eddie Rubessa and Mark Sefton gave a summary of their caving activities on Kangaroo Island over Easter. Two KI Rangers attended some of the cave visits.
 - a. Mt Taylor Cave - the bees are still-present!
 - b. Emu 4-hole Cave with the cave's owner Robert Smith.
 - c. Hamish Cave – a small drafting cave. A 4m diameter 2m high chamber was discovered.
 - d. Rocky River caves
 - e. A sea cave that contains unusual formations described in the book "Minerals of the World". Kevin Mott mapped this in 1987. Kevin has maps for about 80 KI caves.