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1. Damien Pilkington and several children (Rory, Josh, Isiah,....) plus other members had visited Corra Lynn for a search and navigation exercise. 14 people took part in the morning trip. They exited the cave for lunch and 6 people did a second trip in the afternoon to Bushwalkers Chamber.

2. Ray Gibbons has conducted an elevation survey in Corra Lynn from the surface to the portal dig. Forward and back readings were taken. This indicated a 3% slope to the portal. Approximate drops are; 12m to the door lintel, another 6m to the bottom of the stairs, 12m along the Alberta to the Portal.

3. Two other Corra Lynn trips have taken place. Sue McCormick took part in a portal dig trip last weekend. It was hard work hauling material and placing it in the guard room. The hole is quite big now. Two more digging trips may be required.

4. Ray Gibbons had a disappointing trip to the Nullarbor. A car problem resulted in a slow trip, covering 90km in three days. Dense grass covered the track and a Pajero set fire to the grass at one point. However he did manage to abseil 30m into a chamber which was blowing and had some formation.

5. Ken Smith, Richard Harris, Grant Pearce, Brian Kakuk (from the Bahamas), Millie Harris, Emma Richards and Aaron Pearce took part in a joint CDAA/CEGSA Nullarbor trip. Weebubbie cave was visited. Then camp was moved to the Roe plain where Olwolgin and Burnabbie caves were dived. Paul Hosie and Al Polini joined us on the Roe Plain. A new underwater cave system on the Roe Plain was discovered by Paul Hosie. The entrance has a challenging zero visibility side mount restriction, but beyond this the passages are quite large. 1.5 km of line was laid in two days.