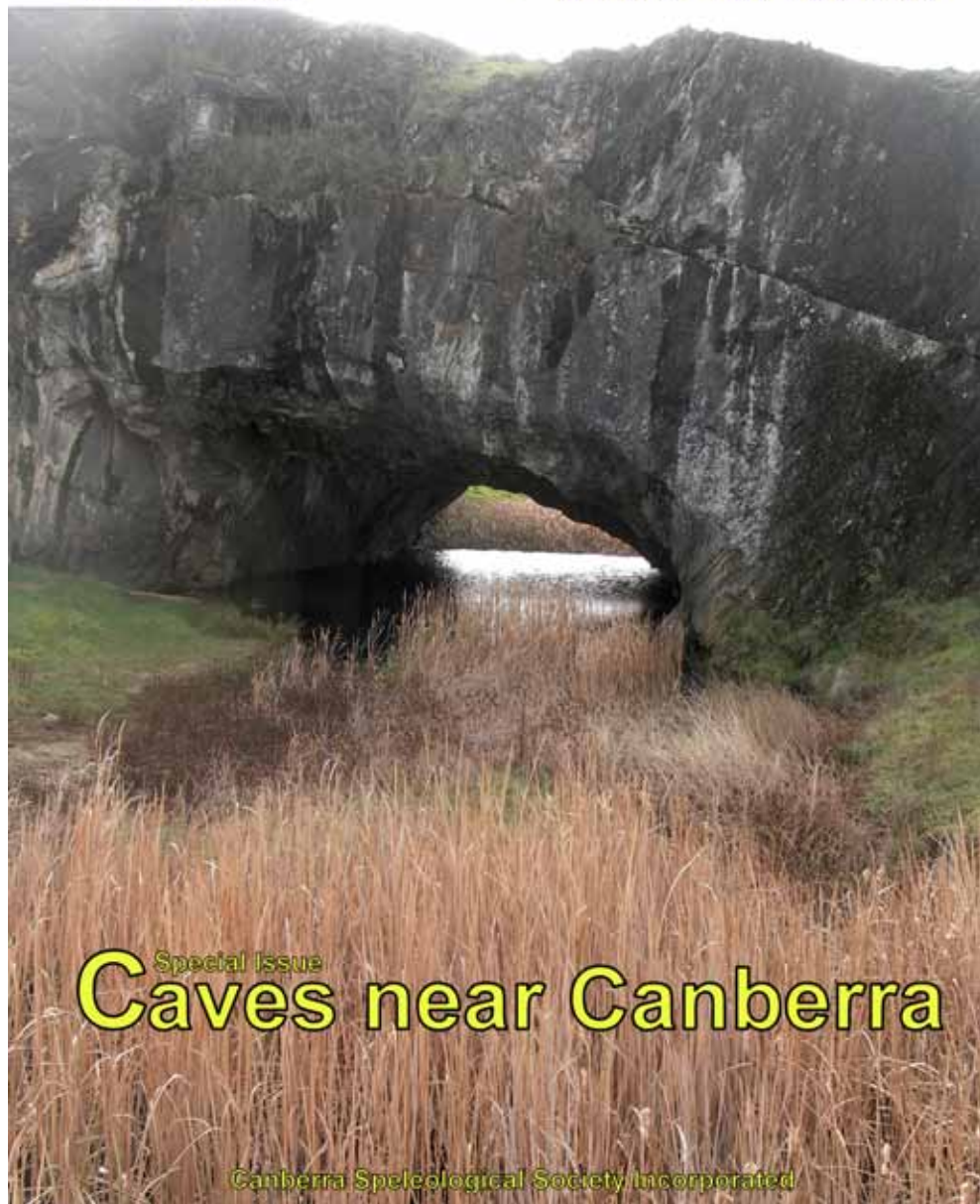


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INTRODUCTION

This is the first issue of *The Very Latest* to appear since the special issue published in October 1994 (Volume 11) to commemorate the fortieth anniversary of the founding of the society.

CSS members have participated in numerous speleological pursuits and exploration and documentation activities and over the years. Some of the results of this work have been published in books and journals or written up in reports to management authorities. However, the absence of a club newsletter (*The Very Latest* ceased regular publication in 1979) has meant that many reports and maps prepared over the years have not been published or have remained as incomplete drafts gathering dust in the CSS library or in personal records.

The CSS committee has decided to resurrect *The Very Latest* so that some of the previously unpublished material can see the light of day. The aim is to publish two issues each year.

You can look forward to seeing brief descriptions and maps of caves in southeastern New South Wales as well as from further afield. The focus will be on those areas for which CSS has tagging and documentation responsibilities. In some cases, previously published material will also be included so that a more comprehensive coverage of these areas can be presented.

This issue covers three small karst areas located in or near the ACT. CSS has done a considerable amount of documentation work in these areas over the years, particularly in the 1970s. The results of the early work were published in *The Very Latest* and elsewhere. However, little of the subsequent work was published. The following maps and cave descriptions draw heavily on the 1970s work, as indicated in the text.

John Brush, Editor

Cover photograph: The London Bridge, looking north along Burra Creek.

CSS in 2007

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