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### Introduction

This issue of *The Very Latest* (TVL) again focuses on caves at Wee Jasper. Most of the maps on the following pages reflect CSS surveying efforts over the last 18 months, or in 2003, but date as far back as 1975 (WJ55). One of the caves featured is Dangly Bits Cave (WJ154/231). This is a complex strike-oriented phreatic system that is home to a variety of vertebrate and invertebrate fauna and contains an assemblage of sub-fossil bone material. Evidently, the cave has been known locally for many decades, but was first comprehensively explored (and named) by UNSWSS in 1990. CSS further extended the cave earlier this year and has now mapped some 300m of passage. Also included are UNSWSS maps of Dandruff and Country Cottage Caves. These were first published by UNSWSS in *Spar* in 1991/92, but are republished here with additional information, including tagging details.

Most of the photos in this issue were taken at Wee Jasper in September 1974 by the late G (Bluey) Thomson, a professional photographer and former CSS member.

John Brush, Editor

Cover photo: Brian Garrington (L) and Ian Nankivell (R) rigging the entrance pitch in Punchbowl Cave. Photo by Bluey Thomson, 1974.