

Part of the crowd of family members and well-wishers at the book launch



BOOK LAUNCH AT YARRANGOBILLY CAVES

- Andy Spate

L to R Colin Hoad, Peter Bell, Elery Hamilton-Smith, Bruce Hoad at book launch

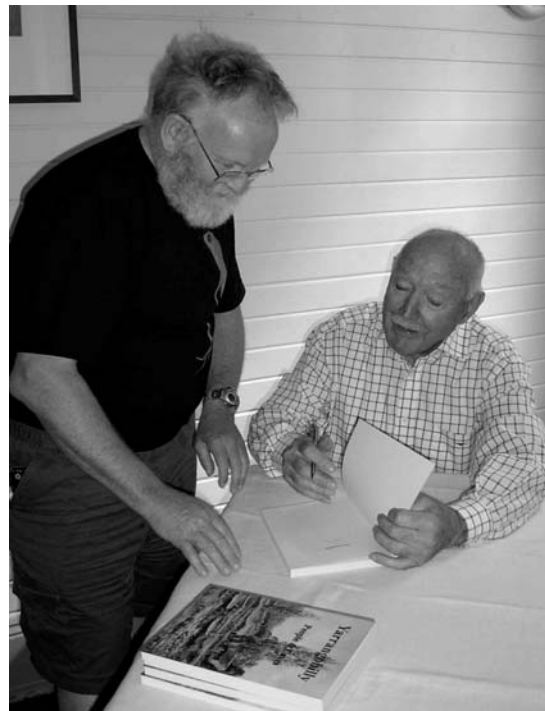


On 4 December 2004 a large crowd gathered at Yarrangobilly to see Colin Hoad's new book 'Yarrangobilly - People and Caves' launched by Elery Hamilton-Smith. The book is reviewed elsewhere in this issue. It deals with a fifty-year period in Yarrangobilly's history from 4 December 1904. The launch thus marked the centenary of the family's arrival.

It turned out to be a fine sunny day - although it seemed that rain might spoil the day - with the crowd gathered on the lawns below Caves House. Originally the launch was to be held in the entrance of the South Glory cave but the size of the crowd, the presence of many elderly family members and, probably, good sense on someone's part led to the relocation (as those who remember the chilly paper session in the cave entrance in 1987 during the inaugural ACKMA meeting will attest!).

Proceedings commenced with a short welcome from Caves Manager, Peter Bell, followed by a young lady singing a delightful song about the mountains. The book was then launched by Elery with Colin and Bruce Hoad responding on aspects of the book and family history.

It was followed by a wonderful country afternoon tea and book-signing with very many copies being sold to the crowd.



Colin Hoad signs a copy of 'Yarrangobilly - People and Caves' for Andy Spate

