

## **2019 CAVE GUIDES' SCHOOL**

**Wednesday 15 May – Friday 17 May 2019 (Programme on page 20)**

**followed by**

**ACKMA AGM**

**Saturday 18 May – Sunday 19 May 2019 (Programme on page 21)**

**VENUE**

**Naracoorte Caves National Park – World Heritage Site**

**Looking forward to seeing you at these ‘not to be missed events’!!**

You are invited to join us for an exciting and informative 2019 Cave Guides' School at the Naracoorte Caves National Park South Australia. The Cave Guides' School will focus on further developing skills and capacities for cave guides and build upon previous training that has been delivered in conjunction with ACKMA.

This program is tailored to development needs identified in guide surveys conducted by ACKMA and centres on the role of a guide as a story teller whilst remaining true to the facts!! It also aims to improve technical knowledge on Australian cave systems & management, interpretation delivery and audience engagement.

Key note speakers will include local palaeontologist and 2018 SA Unsung Hero in Science Communication Award recipient Dr Liz Reed along with well-known ACKMA members Andy Spate, John Brush, Steve Bourne and current researchers at the site. A highlight of the program will be the 'Interpretation Master Class' led by Michael Mills, Creative Director, heapsGood Productions (see bio below).

2019 is a significant anniversary year for the Naracoorte Caves National Park as it marks 50 years since the discovery of fossil remains in Victoria Fossil Cave and 25 years since inscription onto the World Heritage Register. Please join us for a range of tutorial, familiarisations, networking and practical learning sessions. The Guides' School will be followed by the ACKMA Annual General Meeting.

An outline of the Master Class is included below:

### **Interpretation Master Class**

**Thursday 16 May and Friday 17 May**

*“Developing the Art of Storytelling and Interpretation”*

Led by Michael Mills, Creative Director, heapsGood Productions

Michael is an award-winning science communicator who uses stories and drama to connect his audiences to science. In 2014, he was awarded the Unsung Hero in Science Communication Award in South Australia.

This one-and-a-half-day master class has been specifically developed to help guides better understand the role and importance of story and of storytelling. It will help you create and present better stories, characters, and drama to interpret the cave environment, adding to your repertoire of guiding skills.

There will be time to practise skills and gain confidence so that you can develop these methods into your cave tours.

Are your cave tours generally the same commentary and perhaps the same material or jokes? Do you feel 'stuck' for fresh ideas for your cave interpretation? You'll leave this workshop with new skills and ideas about how to integrate these into your cave presentations and an even greater appreciation of the wonder of the caves where you work.

If you think you're not a storyteller or drama person, think again. Come along and learn and try some new approaches. You will come away with new tools to use and add into your existing role. Your tours will take a bold and creative leap, as you learn how to tell a better story, and help your visitors to better connect to the caves.

**Nick McIntyre**  
**Convenor**

## **REGISTRATION**

Please send completed registration forms to **ACKMA Treasurer, PO Box 122, LINDISFARNE, Tasmania 7015.**

After your form and payment have been reconciled, the form will be sent to Nick.

**Tony Culberg**  
**Treasurer**

# SCHEDULE OF FEES

## Guides' School

### And

## ACKMA AGM weekend

<b>Registration Form – Schedule of Fees Payable (payable per person)</b>			
<b>Registration 3<sup>rd</sup> Cave Guides' School</b>	Registration includes lunches, morning teas, dinner, and nibbles at listed events from 15-17 May  Book and pay early to receive early bird registration rate.	<b>Early Bird Registration prior to 1 April 2019</b> \$265.00  <b>Registration after 1 April 2019</b> \$285.00	
<b>Transport 3 days Guides' School</b>	If requiring transport/collection in mornings & drop in evenings from town to venue (10km from centre of Naracoorte to the Caves).	\$25.00	
<b>Registration ACKMA AGM</b>	Registration includes lunches, morning teas, dinner & finger food at listed events 18 & 19 May along with transfers to other activities from Naracoorte Caves.	\$255.00	**does not include daily pick up from town to site. Could be provided at additional cost if sufficient numbers require.
<b>Welcome Event pre-ACKMA AGM</b>	If arriving on Friday 17 May from 5pm – 7:30pm onwards please join us at the Guides' School Wrap Up/ACKMA Welcome Event. Complimentary drink on arrival & finger food provided.	\$30.00	** For Guides' School attendees this is already included in your registration.

## Registration Form

Cave Guides' School 15 – 17 May 2019  
ACKMA AGM Weekend 18 – 19 May 2019

**Title:** Mr/Mrs/Miss/Dr \_\_\_\_\_ **Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Organisation:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Affiliation/Current Role:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mobile Ph Number:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Business Hours Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Dietary Requirements:** \_\_\_\_\_

<b>Payment for Attendance at (please circle):</b>	<b>Guide School Early Bird</b>	<b>\$265.00</b>
	<b>Guide School non Early Bird</b>	<b>\$285.00</b>
	<b>Transport:</b>	<b>\$ 25.00</b>
	<b>ACKMA Welcome Event</b>	<b>\$ 30.00</b>
	<b>ACKMA AGM</b>	<b>\$255.00</b>

**Payment Amount (check per schedule of fees) TOTAL:** \_\$ \_\_\_\_\_

### Payment Method:

**For AU & NZ member's direct credits/EFT are preferred.**

**Direct Payment EFT – Name: ACKMA Inc**

**Account: 10257455**

**BSB: 065156**

**To help us track and identify payments please reference your direct payment with NC519 followed by your surname. Email the registration to the ACKMA email address noting the payment advice reference used on the form.**

**Cheques are to be made payable to ACKMA.**

**Please forward your payment along with the registration form to ACKMA Inc, PO Box 122 Lindisfarne TASMANIA 7015, Australia.**

**Email enquiries to: [conference\\_registrations@ackma.org](mailto:conference_registrations@ackma.org)**

## ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS

Accommodation Providers	All accommodation to be booked directly with the providers.	
Naracoorte Caves National Park Wirreanda Bunkhouse	Accommodates up to 49 people in shared dormitory style accommodation (4 bunks-8 beds per room) with shared amenity block & kitchen facilities. \$23.00 per person/night.  Need to bring own bedding/towels – or these may be supplied at additional cost per person.  +61 08 87601204	\$23.00 per person/night
Naracoorte Caves National Park Campground	Naracoorte Caves National Park campground & caravan park– powered sites \$31.00, unpowered sites \$29.00. For up to four people per site.	\$29-31.00
The Avenue Inn	Motel accommodation with restaurant approx. 10km from the Caves. Mention the Guiding School or ACKMA AGM for discount to listed room rate.  17 Fourth Ave, Naracoorte 1300 283 683	\$109-159.00
William Macintosh Motor Lodge	Motel accommodation with restaurant approx 17km from the Caves. Mention the Guiding School or ACKMA AGM for a discount to listed room rate.  20 Stewart Terrace, Naracoorte  +61 08 8762 1644	\$115-158.00
Naracoorte Hotel Motel	Hotel with bistro and motel rooms in centre of town. Mention the Guiding School or ACKMA AGM for a discount to listed room rate.  Approx 13km from the Caves. 73 Ormerod Street, Naracoorte South	\$99 – 115.00
Country Roads Motor Inn Naracoorte	Motel accommodation approx. 13 kms from the Caves. Mention the Guiding School or ACKMA AGM for a discount to listed room rate.  +61 08 8762 3900	\$128 – 158.00
Big 4 Naracoorte Holiday Park	Caravan, camping and unit accommodation approx. 15 kms from the Caves. Mention the Guiding School or ACKMA AGM for a discount to the listed rates.  +61 08 622128	\$100-155.00 cabins  \$30-35 for camp & caravan sites
Cave Park Cabins	Cave Park Cabins have two cabins within 2km of the Naracoorte Caves. These two bedroom cabins sleep up to five. Mention the Guiding School or ACKMA AGM for a discount to the listed rates.  0428 799 373	\$100-150.00
Naracoorte Cottages	B&B style accommodation with six self-contained B&B houses and within 12 km of the Caves.  This accommodation ranges from 2 bedrooms and 1 bathroom up to 5 bedrooms and 3 bathrooms.  For groups for a multi-night stay, an indicative tariff is \$60 including GST per adult per night (including full breakfast provisions for each day of the stay).  0408 810 645	Contact provider

## GUIDES' SCHOOL PROGRAMME

<b>Guides' School - Day 1. Wednesday 15 May</b>		
<b>Theme: Guide as storyteller &amp; science communicator</b>		
8:45AM		Registration Desk opens
9:00am		Arrival, welcome & introductions
9:45am	Tutorial	Caves of Australia - a technical overview of our different systems & how they came to be – Andy Spate
10:30am	Morning Tea	
11:00am	Tutorial	Cave and karst systems management & maintenance of natural values and visitor management principles – Steve Bourne
11:30am	Tutorial	OHS SA Visitor Safety Framework & Emergency Response Preparedness – Department of Environment & Water
12:00	Lunch	
1:00pm	In-Cave Tutorial - Alexandra Cave	Dating techniques & science communication – Adelaide University Research Team
2:15pm	In-Cave Tutorial - Victoria Fossil Cave	Managing our valuable World Heritage assets – Dr Liz Reed
3:45pm	In-Cave Tutorial - Stick Tomato Cave	Cave cleaning and maintenance methods Pros & Con – John Brush
4:30pm	Familiarisation & Networking Caves Café	Introduction to Wrattobully Wine Region - glass of Wrattobully Wine on arrival followed by Happy Hour drink specials with locally produced nibbles provided.
6:00- 8pm	Caves Café	Dinner

<b>Guides' School - Day 2. Thursday 16 May</b>		
<b>Theme: Guide as Storyteller and Science Communicator</b>		
8:45am		Master Class Registrations
9:00 am	Interpretation Master Class—Michael Mills	
10:00am	Morning Tea	
10:30am	Interpretation Master Class	
12:00pm	Lunch	
1pm	Interpretation Master Class	
3:00pm	Afternoon Tea	
3:30pm	Interpretation Master Class	
6:00 - 8pm	Caves Café	Dinner

<b>Guides' School - Day 3. Friday 17 May</b>		
<b>Theme: Guide as Storyteller and Science Communicator</b>		
9:00am	Interpretation Master Class—Michael Mills	
10:00am	Morning Tea	
10:30am	Interpretation Master Class	
1pm	Lunch	
1:45pm	Familiarisation World Heritage or Adventure Caving Experience	Activity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Behind the Scenes World Heritage Tour</li> <li>• Starburst/Stick Tomato Adventure Caving</li> </ul>
4:00pm		Transfer to evening venue
4:20pm	Naracoorte Venue	Presentation – Guest Speaker
4:50pm		Panel Session & Wrap Up
5:30pm	Naracoorte Venue	Welcome: Arrival of ACKMA AGM attendees. Complimentary drink provided on arrival along with finger food

## ACKM Annual General Meeting—weekend programme

ACKMA AGM – Day 1. – Saturday 18 May		
08:45	Naracoorte Caves – Wirreanda Camp Kitchen	Registration for AGM
9:00am		Arrival & Welcome
9:15am		Report on ACKMA Guides' School & discussion
10am	Morning Tea	
10:30am	Naracoorte Caves – Wirreanda Camp Kitchen	ACKMA Committee Meeting – non attending members will be provided with other interesting familiarisation options including Bat Observation Centre; introduction to new accessible tourism initiatives.
12:00	Lunch	
1:00pm	Familiarisation – Wonambi & Victoria Fossil Cave	View recently completed capital works at Naracoorte Caves & Victoria Fossil Cave tour
3:00pm	Afternoon Tea	
3:30pm	Naracoorte Caves – Wirreanda Camp Kitchen	ACKMA AGM – non attending members will be provided with other local visitor options.
5:30pm	Naracoorte Venue	Transfer to evening venue
6:00pm	Naracoorte Venue	ACKMA Dinner – purchase own drinks <b>No BYO!!</b>

ACKMA AGM – Day 2. – Sunday 19 May		
9:00am	Naracoorte Caves Laboratory	Arrival & administrative matters, Discussion on any previous day events
9:30am	Presentation Naracoorte Caves Laboratory & Blanche Cave	Research programs at the Naracoorte Caves – Dr Liz Reed & Adelaide University Team
10:30am		Morning Tea
11:00am	Naracoorte Caves Laboratory	Post AGM Committee Meeting
12:30	Caves Cafe	Lunch
1:30pm	Naracoorte Caves Laboratory	Wrap up of ACKMA AGM
2pm		Afternoon Activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adventure Caving Starburst or</li> <li>• Behind the Scenes World Heritage Tour</li> <li>• Group Photos</li> </ul>
5-6:30pm	Schultz Cave	Conclusion Event in Schultz Cave Wratonbully (wine tasting in cave) & finger foods.