

Ann Augusteyn Award

Cathie Plowman

Decima McTernan, from Naracoorte Caves and Tantanoola Cave, was announced as the recipient of the inaugural Ann Augusteyn Award at the recent ACKMA Annual General Meeting (held online on 8 May 2021).

Decima has a long record of commitment and service to these caves over the past 27 years, in a variety of roles that have included Acting Manager and her current position of Senior Guide. The nomination for Decima noted her excellent tours, her mentoring and training of other guides, and her input into new developments at Naracoorte Caves, including the interpretive panels.

The nomination of Decima for the award was accompanied by outstanding references from community members who have long and significant associations with the Naracoorte Caves.

Sincere congratulations to Decima, and thanks for your many years of service to show cave interpretation efforts.

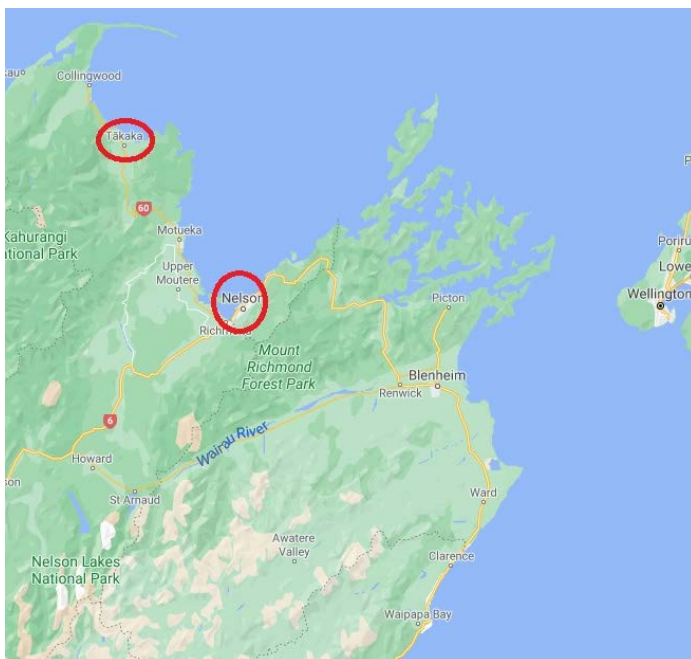
ACKMA determined in 2019 to honour our late member and colleague, Ann Augusteyn, with this award to promote and reward excellence in show cave interpretation and presentation. The Award Committee is Emeritus Professor Betty Weiler, interpretation trainer and consultant, John Pastorelli, and Cathie Plowman (committee chair).

The award will be open biennially and nominations will next be invited in January 2023.



Photo of Barbara Lobban and Decima McTernan with the Ann Augusteyn Award

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For information on geology of the Takaka locality, see pages 359 - 372 of [New Zealand Geology: an illustrated guide. - GeoTrips](#)