

# ACKMA October 2021 online new ways to learn and connect in the pandemic

The Australasian Cave and Karst Management Association and Dubbo Regional Council are excited to present two online events this October.

## EcoGuide Certified Guide training course

ONLINE

**Wednesday 20 and Thursday 21 October**

EcoGuide Certification is a national tour guide certification program. The program is owned by Ecotourism Australia and operated in Australia by Savannah Guides.

TRAINING AND ASSESSMENT: will be delivered online by Savannah Guides.

COST: \$269 includes two days online training, EcoGuide certification application fee and annual fee for 12 months.

The EcoGuide training course involves completing work prior to the online training. Register now to start your training and assessment program.

(If not wanting to apply for EcoGuide certification, you may sit-in on the training for \$20 per day.)

FURTHER DETAILS:

EcoGuide - Savannah Guides  
[savannah-guides.com.au](http://savannah-guides.com.au)

ACKMA <http://www.ackma.org/conf2021/index.html>

REGISTRATION FORMS:

email [president@ackma.org](mailto:president@ackma.org)

All cave guides working at sites that are members of ACKMA are warmly invited to attend. This is an excellent opportunity to gain a recognised Australian guiding qualification.

Any ACKMA members are welcome to attend (but may not be eligible for EcoGuide certification).

## ACKMA online workshop

ONLINE

**Saturday 23 and Sunday 24 October**

This is a great opportunity for ACKMA members to catch-up online and hear some up-to-date details about cave and karst management. We can share experiences and strategies for coping with natural disasters, the pandemic and emergencies. By doing so we can build resilience in the broad ACKMA cave community.

The two-day program includes:

- Presentations on how cave sites have been impacted by and responded to a range of serious calamities including:
  - 2019-20 bushfires
  - Floods
  - Landslips
  - The COVID-19 pandemic
- Updated guidelines for cave and karst management that have been prepared by an international team led by Australia's Professor David Gillieson and John Gunn for the International Union of Speleology (UIS) and the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN, a UNESCO program).
- A review of recent ACKMA submissions in response to proposed developments impacting on caves and karst.

- News from cave sites around Australia and New Zealand as well as Mulu (Sarawak), Cango (South Africa) and Korea.
- Cave climate monitoring program in Australia and New Zealand show caves, a program of ACKMA in association with the University of New South Wales.
- Book launch: *Caves: Processes, Development, and Management* by David Gillieson. The second edition of this book is a revision of the first edition written 25 years ago. It has been updated, significantly expanded, and largely rewritten. Published by Wiley International in June 2021.
- A social event where you can catch up with ACKMA people online.

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