

# EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

- Dave Gillieson

Over winter things have been very quiet, with only a few items brought to my attention. Under the Associations Incorporation (Amendment) Act 1997 of the State of Victoria, we are now required to have a grievance procedure in the Association's rules. This provides us with rules in the unlikely event of a dispute between a member and another member, or between a member and the Association. Currently we have no such specific procedure, though the model rules of the Office of Fair Trading and Business Affairs are deemed to apply in such cases. Our existing rules 7(1) to 7(7) apply for cases of Resignation and Expulsion of Member. I will draw up and circulate a draft set of grievance procedure rules for discussion, and possible adoption at the next AGM.

ACKMA Inc. and ASF Inc. have submitted a joint endangered karst communities nomination to the Karst Waters Institute, Virginia, USA for two areas – the Kimberleys and Cape Range. This flags these karsts as significant and endangered in terms of their karst hydrology and their associated fauna and flora. The hard work of putting these together was carried out by Dr. Bill Humphreys of the WA Museum, drawing on his extensive knowledge of each area and its great biological significance. Elery Hamilton-Smith was

also involved in their compilation. If you would like a copy, please contact me.

One matter that we ACKMA Executive is considering the possibility of holding the 2001 ACKMA conference back-to-back with the 2001 ASF conference. This was briefly discussed at the last ACKMA AGM. If the ASF conference were to be held over Easter, then ACKMA could start its Conference in a nearby locale a few days after Easter. As the ACKMA Inc. Annual General Meeting will most probably be at Wombeyan, with the Conference itself centred at Goulburn, then the ASF conference might be held in Bathurst, Orange or possibly in Canberra. This presumes the ASF agrees to hold its 2001 conference in NSW or the ACT. We would have to point out to the ASF executive the reasons for avoiding a conference in January. A one day meeting of our joint executives, between the two conferences, would give us the opportunity to discuss matters of mutual interest and concern. A clearly defined agenda, with matters that could be adequately discussed in a day, would be needed. Please think about this, and contact me, or any other member of the ACKMA executive, with ideas for such an agenda.