



AN INVITATION TO JOIN THE
AUSTRALASIAN CAVE AND KARST MANAGEMENT
ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED
(ACKMA Inc.)

AIMS OF ACKMA Inc.

- To develop improved standards in the management and interpretation of cave and karst heritage in the Australasian Region.
- To enhance liaison between agencies and others interested in cave & karst management.
- To encourage and support scientific research which may further the improvement of standards in cave and karst management.
- To formulate and promote policies and initiatives in cave and karst management.
- To do any other things which are conducive or incidental to the attainment of the above.

Membership of ACKMA inc. is open to all individuals or organisations who support these aims.

The Australasian Cave and Karst Management Association Inc. (ACKMA) is a professional association for all those responsible for, or interested in, planning and management of limestone landscapes and caves in the Australasian region.

It provides a wide range of services to its members and others:

INFORMATION EXCHANGE

The quarterly ACKMA Journal, biennial conferences, and personal networking between members combine to ensure that there is ready access to news and information on what is happening in cave and karst management across the region and internationally.

However, a more formal information service is offered in that members and interested organisations and individuals are encouraged to contact the ACKMA Executive Officer, who maintains an extensive technical library and has close linkages to cave management organisations throughout the world. Specific enquiries can often be answered quickly, or the enquirer can be given direct contact with the appropriate person or organisation.

The publication of Conference Proceedings provides an invaluable body of documented information. Further publications will be produced as knowledge develops, and will provide an important resource to members. ACKMA Inc. maintains contacts with many analogous organisations in Australasia including The Australian Speleological Federation Inc. and The New Zealand Speleological Society.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

The biennial conference is the major event offered by the Association. Held at various major cave locations throughout Australia and New Zealand, these conferences provide for both field studies and symposia on aspects of management.

However, more specific training programs are conducted on the request of members, and include regular guide exchange programs between various Australasian cave locations. Such programs deal with such topics as speleological science, interpretation, and experience.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT

On request, ACKMA is able to arrange an appropriate planning team to prepare management plans or development proposal documents. This is carried out on a normal professional fee basis. The input of the region's most experienced professional planners and managers is available.

ADVOCACY

Cave and karst are particularly vulnerable resources and ACKMA has regularly made submissions to relevant resource planning and decision making authorities. The expertise available through ACKMA enables such input to identify the nature and extent of potential problems, to propose creative responses to problems, and to support positive initiatives in resource protection.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

ACKMA maintains contact with such bodies as The International Show Caves association, The International Union of Speleology, The National Speleological Association (USA), The American Cave Conservation Association, the CNPPA, ISHA, and others. Management planning documents have also been prepared for cave sites in Asian and Pacific countries, and technical advice to many other countries in the Indian-Pacific Region.

Membership of ACKMA Inc. is always available to managers and any other interested persons from these countries, or any others.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name:.....Organisation:.....

Address:

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Please find enclosed my/our cheque for \$55 (\$65 overseas), being the annual membership fee. (or \$30, if a full time student – evidence required)

Annual Membership Fees:

AUSTRALIAN & NEW ZEALAND RESIDENTS: \$55.00 – Ordinary member

OVERSEAS RESIDENTS: \$65.00 – Ordinary member

OR \$30.00 – Full Time student (photocopy of Student ID required)
(Figures quoted in Australian Dollars)

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