

## 2019 Cave Guides' Workshop survey summary

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Following the Cave Guides' Workshop at Naracoorte in May 2019, 30 of the participants responded to an online survey. Thanks to Chaka Chirozva from Naracoorte Caves who coordinated the survey and collated the survey responses. A quick summary of the responses is that:

- most participants had their expectations met;
- most presentations were "relevant" to "extremely relevant" to each respondent's work;
- all presenters were very effective and engaging in communicating their messages; and
- overall, nearly all respondents thought the workshop afforded them adequate networking opportunities to develop in their careers.

Some respondents did note a few challenges:

- too cold in Blanche Cave; and
- need to manage time between sessions, including allocating more time for more activities.

However, as the aim of the event was to provide additional knowledge and skills for cave guides to develop their careers, and only 12 of the 30 respondents were cave guides, the survey results need to be considered in this context when evaluating what cave guides gained from the workshop.

Thanks to everyone who attended the workshop and contributed to the event, especially coordinator, Nick McIntyre, the Naracoorte Caves staff for hosting the event and, especially, to the Naracoorte Caves Café team for their excellent catering.

**The *Jenolan Caves Reserve Trust* and the  
*ACKMA 2020 Organising Committee*  
invite you to attend the 23rd Conference of the  
*Australasian Cave & Karst Management Association***



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