

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING WEEKEND 2006 - KANGAROO ISLAND, SOUTH AUSTRALIA

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The ACKMA Annual General Meeting Weekend in 2006 will be held over the weekend of the **6-7 MAY**, hosted by Kelly Hill Caves, with an extended touring option available for Monday 8 May.

The Department for Environment and Heritage looks forward to hosting the 2006 ACKMA Annual General Meeting on Kangaroo Island, South Australia. KI is an internationally renowned nature-based tourism destination. The AGM weekend will give ACKMA members the opportunity to experience the abundant wildlife and spectacular scenery with visits to all of the island's major attractions. Members will also visit the Kelly Hill Caves, one of the island's premier attractions and be able to inspect the new fibre optic lighting system. More information, including a detailed itinerary will be included in the September journal."

As discussed at the recent ACKMA conference in New Zealand, we would look to have delegates arrive by ferry or plane on Friday 5 May – late afternoon/evening, and make their way/be taken to their accommodation (all on the west end of KI). BBQ dinner at Flinders Chase NP. Accommodation

options will include four star resort accommodation (KI Wilderness Resort), Heritage Light keepers cottages and bunkhouse style.

The committee will meet on Saturday morning, and then after lunch the AGM will be held. Kelly Hill Caves will be visited on Saturday afternoon after the AGM, with an inspection of the new fibre optic lighting system. The AGM Dinner will be held at the Wilderness Resort on Saturday night.

Sunday will include visits to: Black Swamp Fossil Dig, Flinders Chase Platypus Waterholes Walk, Remarkable Rocks, Admirals Arch (and NZ Fur Seal Colony), Hanson Bay Koala Walk, and Seal Bay. Delegates leaving by ferry/plane on Sunday late afternoon/evening.

Monday (extended tour option for interested members): North Coast Beaches, Eucalyptus distillery, Honey Farm, Sheep Dairy, Cape Willoughby Lighthouse and Cellar Door Wine tasting. Extended tourers depart by ferry/plane Monday late afternoon/evening.

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COMING EVENTS

In particular, this list covers events of special interest to researchers and managers. If you are interested in any listed events, contact Elery Hamilton-Smith on: <elery@alphalink.com.au>.

2005: June 20-24	Course: Hydrogeology and Management of Karst Groundwater Resources, Neuchatel, Switzerland.
2005: July 10-15.	3rd Colloquium, IUCN Academy of Environmental Law, Macquarie University, Sydney
2005: June 27-30	13th International Karstological School "Classical Karst" Karst in Various Rocks, Postojna, Slovenia
2005: Aug 21-28	14th International Congress of Speleology, Athens, Greece
2005: Sept. 7-11	6th Int. Conference on Geomorphology: Evaporite-Karst Program Zaragoza, Spain
2005: Sept 14-19	Water Resources and Environment in Karst, Belgrade (Serbia) and Kotor (Montenegro)
2005: Oct ?	3rd Symposium on Cave Archaeology & Palaeontology, Athens
2005: Oct 31- Nov 4	National Cave and Karst Management Symposium, Albany, NY

Several other meetings are in the pipeline right now – so if you are travelling and want to know of any opportunities prior to the next issue of the Journal, let me know.

And Looking Ahead:

2006: May 6-7	ACKMA Annual General Meeting weekend, Kangaroo Island
2006: Sept 21-23	8th Conference on Limestone Hydrogeology, Neuchatel, Switzerland.
2007: January	ASF Conference, South Australia, celebrating 50 years of the Federation.
2007: 29 April to 4 May	17th ACKMA Conference, Buchan, Victoria N.B. This conference will be part of the celebration to mark the centenary of the discovery of Fairy Cave.
2009: May	18th ACKMA Conference, Margaret River, Western Australia