

TWO NEW FELLOWS OF ACKMA

– Kent Henderson

At the recent 2006 ACKMA Annual General Meeting on Kangaroo Island, two new Fellows of ACKMA were proposed, and elected as such by sustained acclamation.

The two most worthy recipients were Steve Bourne and Dale Calnin – who were immediately presented with framed certificates by our New Zealand Vice President, Pete Chandler. Their citations read as follows:

STEVE BOURNE, nominated by Dr. Grant Gartrell

“Steve Bourne has been Manager at Naracoorte Caves for several years, and in that time, and indeed previously, he has made a wonderful contribution to cave and karst management.

“Probably the best word to describe Steve is ‘innovative’ and his ideas and initiatives have had a profound influence not only on Naracoorte Caves, but more widely afield.

“Steve was Australian Vice President of ACKMA from 2001 to 2005, and during the last year he has served as our President. I note with great satisfaction he has been re-elected unopposed for a further term today.

“As President, he has been extremely popular, and he has done an outstanding job - representing ACKMA and the interests and cave and karst, not just within our region, but across the world.

“It is with very great pleasure that I nominate Steve Bourne as a Fellow of ACKMA”.

DALE CALNIN, nominated by Kent Henderson

“I would like to nominate a person who has made an outstanding contribution to Cave and Karst Management. He is a most modest and affable man, and he has been in his present position as a cave manager for something like twenty-five years.

“He attended his first ACKMA Conference was back in 1983 – twenty-two years ago. He has been a keen supporter and worker for ACKMA in all the intervening years – indeed this award is long overdue.

“He has been effectively in charge of Buchan Caves, one way or another, ever since Alan Costigan retired so many years ago now. His stewardship of Buchan has been as outstanding as it has been lengthy.

“Of course, he is currently serving on the ACKMA Committee as Conference Convenor, and as a member of the Steering Committee for our Conference at Buchan next year I am much aware of the tremendous amount of work he is doing ensure our next conference will be a thumping success.

“It is with very great pleasure I nominate Dale Calnin as Fellow of ACKMA”.



Dale Calnin (left) and Steve Bourne (centre) being presented with their Fellow Certificates by Pete Chandler
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