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Top: The Glory Hole Arch at
Yarrangobilly. **Centre:** Close up
of the *Diprotodon* jaw bone found
at Jenolan. **Bottom:** Andy Spate,
et al, receiving their 'gongs' in
South Korea.

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DALE CALNIN GETS PARK VICTORIA'S TOP AWARD

I am delighted to advise that Dale Calnin, Ranger-in-Charge of Buchan Caves, ACKMA Fellow, and our erstwhile Conference Convenor, has received *Parks Victoria's Outstanding Individual Achievement Award for 2007*. Warmest congratulations Dale, from all ACKMA members!

This citation read as follows: 'The panel recognised a range of factors that collectively demonstrated outstanding achievement over a significant period, and a number of examples where this has been demonstrated in the past twelve months. Dale's 30 years of dedicated service to the Buchan Caves, and many contributing factors led to his winning this award.'

More specifically in its recommendation the Selection Panel noted:

- 30 years of dedicated service to the Buchan Caves
- In the past 12 months Dale has lead the coordination of the highly successful Australasian Cave & Karst Management Association Conference held at Buchan Caves.
- Recognised expertise in caves management and has represented *Parks Victoria* at various caves conferences across Australia.
- Dale was a key part of the team that facilitated the establishment of the *Parks Victoria* Wilderness Retreats at Buchan Caves.
- Long-term role in regional tourism and strong connections with the local community.
- Demonstrated pride in staff & has active supportive & mentoring role.
- Initiating and oversight of a range of projects to improve the Caves, visitor services, sustainable practices, volunteering, and threatened species management.

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