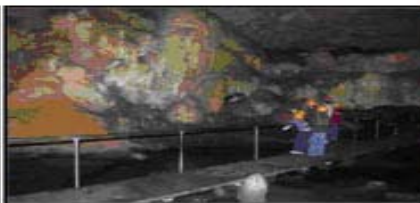


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"The Winds of Change"



Lake Cave



Calgardup Cave



Ngilgi Cave

Hello from Western Australia,

Thank you to the community of Buchan for holding such a wonderful 2007 ACKMA Conference; the hospitality and quality of the conference was fantastic. The ACKMA 2009 Organizing Committee has begun the preparations for the **EIGHTEENTH AUSTRALASIAN CONFERENCE ON CAVE AND KARST MANAGEMENT** based at Margaret River. We would like to invite everyone to join us from the

3rd May to 9th May 2009

for the 2009 ACKMA Conference. Please start planning your time so that you can attend – whether it is for holidays or for professional attendance. Maybe you have a paper you would like to start working on for presentation at the conference? Maybe you would like to extend your visit to experience other areas in Western Australia? – pre and post conference trips to other karst areas are being developed. It is our understanding that the 2009 ACKMA Conference will follow on from the annual local Margaret River Wine Festival. So, if you enjoy wine you may like to arrive earlier and take in some of the local grape juice and produce. We look forward to seeing you!

Jayme Hatcher, Conference Convenor

COMING EVENTS

– Elery Hamilton-Smith

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>. If you plan to visit North America or Europe, I can probably also provide details for some of the local meetings that take place there.

2007: September 17-21	UNESCO International Conference on Geoparks, Belfast, Northern Ireland
2007: September 19-21	International Conference on Granite Caves, Galicia, Spain
2007: September 21-23	Hidden Earth: UK National Caving Conference, Tewkesbury, Gloucestershire
2007: September 29-30	Symposium on Cave Protection, Belgrade, Serbia
2007: October 8-12	Cave and Karst Management Symposium, St Louis, Missouri
2007 October 15-19	Pacific Islands Conference on Nature Conservation and Protected Areas, PNG
And Looking Ahead:	
2008 February 10-16	Cave Guide Conference, Jenolan Caves, NSW
2008: 25 – 27 April	ACKMA Annual General Meeting Weekend, Capricorn Caves, Rockhampton, Queensland
2008: May 4 - 10	Art and Science of Impact Assessment, Perth, WA
2008: 23 August	European Speleo Congress, Vercors, France
2008: June 2-5	Climate Change: The Karst Record, Chongqing, China
2008: July 20-25	Australian Earth Sciences Convention, Perth
2008: August 17-20	Inaugural Global Geotourism Conference, Perth
2008: September 20-24	11th Multidisciplinary Conference on Sinkholes and Karst, Tallahassee, Florida
2008: September 21-26	19th International Symposium on Subterranean Biology, Perth,
2009: January	27th ASF Conference, Buchan Caves, Victoria
2009: May	18th ACKMA Conference, Margaret River, Western Australia
2009: July 19-26	International Congress of Speleology, Texas, USA
2010: May	ACKMA Annual General Meeting "Week", Mulu Caves, Sarawak, Malaysia
2011: May	19th ACKMA Conference, Tasmania

