

MULU MYSTERY



Brian Clark, Manager at Mulu National Park, Borneo, sent this image and another to Andy Spate, Optimal Karst Management and author of numerous Andy Sez's for this journal. These features sit five metres above a fragile silt floor in the "Fast Lane" section of Lagangs Cave. They are similar in shape to swifts nests, but

what processes could lead to dissolution like this? Brian poses the question, "How do swifts find enough dry limestone to make their saliva stick to the wall." Brian has offered a copy of the fabulous Mulu book for anyone who can provide an explanation for these features. Send your suggestions to publicationsofficer@ackma.org.au



Could swifts' nest such as these be responsible for the features produced in the top image?

Photos: Top Brian Clark, Bottom Steve Bourne