

# Upcoming Conferences

## ACKMA Conference and AGM, New Zealand 2022

At last – the moment we have all been waiting for over the past several years – an in-person ACKMA conference!!!!

### Takaka, New Zealand, May 21 to 26, 2023

The Next ACKMA conference is to be held at Takaka, in Golden Bay, Mohua. Golden Bay is known as the “heart of the parks” as it is nestled between the Kahurangi and Abel Tasman National Parks. This area is one of New Zealand’s most geologically and ecologically diverse places. The little town of Takaka is off the beaten track and located beneath stunning marble mountains, pockets of limestone and beside beautiful golden beaches.

The full conference plan is yet to be finalised, but -

We will start from Nelson Airport and bus ride to Takaka with some short stops at significant karst sites enroute.

During the week we will have time for presentations and field trips around Mohua. There are lots of accommodation and food options available within the town of Takaka.

The area is also renowned for arts, crafts and pottery so if you need a break from caves there’s no shortage of other activities.

Pre and post conference trips are in the planning stages, we envisage wild caving trips (generally wet and vertical, but world class) and a trip to Paturau, Puoponga and Farewell Spit.

### Getting There

Takaka is a two-hour drive from Nelson airport and there are many flights per day between Nelson and Auckland, Wellington and Christchurch. A coach will depart from Nelson and Nelson Airport early Sunday afternoon, in time for registration and welcome.

### The Town

The town has lots of amenities including a large supermarket, lots of cafes, a pharmacy, and a range of accommodation options. We have been fortunate to gain the support of the local high school, Golden Bay High, to use their school hall for our presentations.



Rawhiti Cave entrance



Labyrinth Rocks, Takaka

### Accommodation

There are three motels within 1.5 km of the presentation venue, also a backpackers and bed & breakfast options. We are arranging discounts for ACKMA conferences attendees.

We are looking Forward to Hosting ACKMA in 2023.



Road entrance to Ngarua Cave

Full programme details and registration will be published in the September Journal.

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Karren at Hawkes Lookout

# ISCA and NCA Congress, Texas 2022

Registration is now OPEN for ISCA and NCA Cave Congress 2022!



We have great news: the website has now launched, and registration is now open for the first-ever joint International Show Caves Association and National Caves Association Congress from September 22nd to October 1st. This unique opportunity to gather together with both national and international colleagues is one you won't want to miss!

[Register now for Congress 2022](#)

Dynamic presenters. Compelling ideas for growth. Insights into new technologies in every area. Opportunities to learn from the best in the industry. And, of course, beautiful caves. It's all happening at the International Show Caves Association and National Caves Association Congress 2022.

More information on this can also be found in the ISCA Newsletter May-June 2022



## Other Upcoming Meetings that May be of Interest

These meetings were taken from the excellent list in the latest edition of the US National Cave and Karst Research Institute newsletter. Please consider investigating further at [www.nckri.org](http://www.nckri.org)

Climate Change, The Karst Record IX (KR9), 17-20 July 2022 (Innsbruck, Austria),  
<https://www.uibk.ac.at/congress/kr9/>

25th International Conference on Subterranean Biology, 18-22 July 2022 (Cluj-Napoca, Romania),  
<https://www.25icsb.com/>

18th International Congress of Speleology, 24-31 July 2022 (Savoie Technolac, Le Bourget du Lac, Savoie, France),  
<http://uis2021.speleos.fr/>

20th International Symposium on Vulcanospeleology, 22-26 November 2022 (Dak Nong Province, Vietnam),  
<https://20isvdaknong.com/>

