

# Upcoming Conferences



Takaka 2023

21-26 May

## Conference Information

Theme: Water Underground

### Greetings from New Zealand

The Takaka Conference Committee and community look forward to hosting you at the 2023 ACKMA Conference in Takaka, Golden Bay, Mohua

Since the information in the June Journal, things are shaping up for Takaka in May next year. 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.

### Pre- and post- trips

We are running these on a pay-as-you go basis. The organisers will try to provide flexibility in eating and accommodation options for the group. Those indicating interest in these programmes will be contacted closer to the time.

There is the option of doing a pre-conference caving trip with the Nelson Speleology Group Paturau, no SRT required. Starting on Friday the 19th and staying at Mangarakau Lodge, <http://mangarakauswamp.com/accommodation>

There would be a limit of around 10 to allow space for the leaders.

There is also the possibility of a more advanced caving trip after the conference, potentially into Greenlink, the property ACKMA has offered support for purchasing.

For more information and to register your interest, please email [conferenceconvenor@ackma.org](mailto:conferenceconvenor@ackma.org)

### Transport

Domestic flights to Nelson are available throughout the day, every day from Auckland Wellington and Christchurch. Takaka is a two-hour drive from Nelson airport but if you do not have your own transport, the Conference coach will pick up and drop off in Nelson City centre as well as at the airport. We will start from Nelson Airport and bus ride to Takaka with some short stops at significant karst sites enroute. You will need to book a seat on the bus (coming and going) when you fill out the registration form.

### Conference programme

The Conference theme is ‘Water Underground’ and we are excited to announce that Professor Paul Williams will be the Keynote Speaker,

Paul is currently involved in the water conservation order for the Te Waikorupupu springs, and through his Academic career in NZ, since 1972, has done extensive work in Golden Bay, on the karst hydrology of the Takaka aquifer.

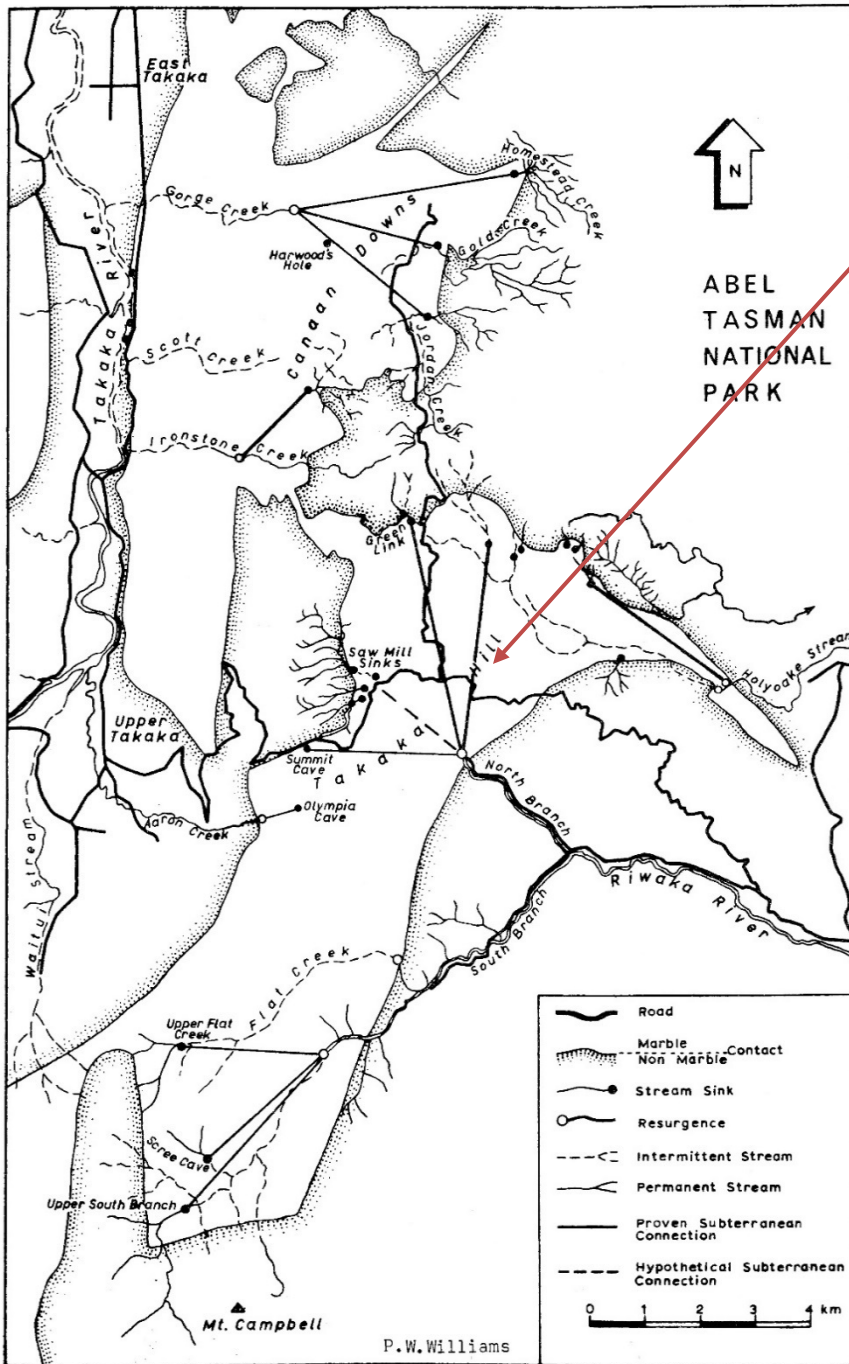
Following the successful format at other conferences, morning presentations will be held in the Golden Bay High School Hall, followed by afternoon field trips, with a picnic lunch, except for the full day described below.



Left: Ngarua Cave road entry



Right: Karren,  
Hawkes Lookout



Vicinity of  
ACKMA  
members  
property

Either on the Tuesday or the Thursday, depending on the weather, the conference will be based on Takaka Hill using the Woolshed Café as a crossing over and waiting point. The map to the left shows the complexity of the Takaka Hill Karst, and doesn't even include Totara Cave system, south of Ironstone Creek, or Ironstone Cave.

We will be visiting Ngarua Cave, Hawkes Cave and Kairuru Cave on ACKMA members, David Hodson and Janet Morgan's property.

Other planned field trips include travelling along Caanan Road to visit Harwoods Hole Lookout, Homestead Creek Submergence and passing the 21 ha Greenlink Cave entrance property (presently being 'crowd funded' to be purchased by the NZSS Cave Conservation and Access Trust) and travel along East Takaka Road, to see the interface between Takaka Hill and the Takaka valley.

The full Conference programme will be published in the December edition of the ACKMA journal and will be available on the ACKMA website. The ACKMA AGM is currently planned for Wednesday afternoon, just after lunch. On Wednesday afternoon there will also be a variety of activity options; these will be arranged in the first two days of the Conference. Some may be commercial cave tours requiring payment at the time.

There is no formal partner's programme, however we will contact those indicating interest in the 'other details' box and offer to facilitate a rental vehicle, with a daily itinerary. The area is renowned for arts, crafts and pottery so there is no shortage of other activities.

You are welcome to email the Conference Coordinators indicating your intention to attend. Please send emails to [conferenceconvenor@ackma.org](mailto:conferenceconvenor@ackma.org)

Alternately, submit your registration form early, as an expression of interest, with details to be completed when you have made bookings

## Conference accommodation

### For this conference we are asking you to book your own accommodation.

We've listed a number of options within a 20-minute walk of Golden Bay High School (with one exception). We are recommending that you look at the list supplied, make a choice and book directly using their business email, phone number or website. This will allow the property owner to pass along any available discounts or winter rates. They can't do this for you if you use bookme.com etc. You will notice that all these locations are along Takaka's main street. We have done this to make it easy to help you out with pick-ups and drop offs. We don't want to drive all around town or out to the Pohara Beach so if you want to book elsewhere you will need to be independent, i.e., have a rental car or campervan or be within easy walking distance.

Listed in order of walking distance to Golden Bay High School:

#### Waitapu Springs B&B 5 min walk to conference venue

Quiet and private, hot tubs and nice breakfasts, a 23 min walk to the supermarket.

P: +64 3 525 9181 W: [www.waitapusprings.com](http://www.waitapusprings.com) E: [waitapusprings@gmail.com](mailto:waitapusprings@gmail.com)

#### Shady Rest B&B 6 min walk to conference venue

A relaxed, boutique B&B with big lounge and fireplace, be in quick if you would like to stay in style

P: +64 3 525 9669 W: [www.shadyrest.co.nz](http://www.shadyrest.co.nz) E: [stay@shadyrest.co.nz](mailto:stay@shadyrest.co.nz)

#### Golden Bay Motels 8 min walk to conference venue

An older motel with gardens, freshly refurbished rooms and full kitchens if you wish to self-cater. There is also a large house to rent if you are coming as a group.

P: +64 3 525 9428 W: [www.goldenbaymotel.co.nz](http://www.goldenbaymotel.co.nz) E: [goldenbaymotel@gmail.com](mailto:goldenbaymotel@gmail.com)

#### Anatoki Lodge Motel 12 min walk to conference venue

Lovely new units with full kitchens for self-caterers, close to town for cafes.

P: +64 3 525 8047 W: [www.anatokimotels.co.nz](http://www.anatokimotels.co.nz) E: [info@anatokimotels.co.nz](mailto:info@anatokimotels.co.nz)

#### Mohua Motels 20 min walk to conference venue

Loads of modern rooms, kitchenettes for meal prep and close to bars and cafes for those who plan eat out lots.

P: +64 3 525 7222 W: [www.mohuamotels.co.nz](http://www.mohuamotels.co.nz) E: [stay@mohuamotels.co.nz](mailto:stay@mohuamotels.co.nz)

#### The Rocks Chalets 29 min walk to the conference venue.

Private chalets set in karst gardens, kitchenettes for meal prep and a 3-bedroom house if you are booking a group. It's a little outside the town with a 12 min walk along a bike path to the shops. A torch will be needed at night.

P: +64 3 525 8096 W: [www.accommodationtakaka.co.nz](http://www.accommodationtakaka.co.nz) E: [stay@therockschalets.co.nz](mailto:stay@therockschalets.co.nz)

## Meals

We are providing 3 evening meals, (a welcome dinner, a midweek get-together and a farewell dinner). The rest is up to you. There is a wonderful selection of cafes and bars to sample and enjoy for the other three nights of the conference. If you wish to cook your own evening meals, the Takaka supermarket on the main street is very well stocked and has food for all dietary requirements.

Breakfasts are g.y.o. (get your own) apart from those who book B&B accommodation. Once again, good cafes and a good food selection at the supermarket and local deli will see you through.

Morning tea, afternoon tea and packed lunches will be provided daily.

Please, please, bring along your own water bottles and travel cups. There is no functional kitchen in the high school hall, so we can't provide cups and saucers at morning tea - please bring your own. This will be good for the planet!

#### Other useful places

Takaka has a pharmacy, an information centre, and many arts and craft stores plus a good range of other useful shops. You should be able to find almost anything you need.

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## Conference booking form

Who are you?	
Name	
Affiliation / background Published in conference handbook	
Postal Address	
Email	Pref. phone no.

What will you do?			
Paper ( ) Poster ( ) Tick one. Refer to paper guide	Title:		
Where will you sleep? Refer to accommodation guide			
Arrival date	# nights ( )	# extra adults ( )	# extra children ( )
Accomm. Name:		Room Type:	
If shared, who are you sharing with?			

How will you get here?			
Pre: Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> - Minibus Nelson to Takaka	# seats ( )		
Arriving Sunday pm - bus Nelson to Takaka Included in Registration	# seats ( )		
Departing Saturday am - bus Takaka to Nelson Included in Registration	# seats ( )		

Pre and Post conference options	
Please bring your own Helmet, Light SRT gear, and cold cave personal clothing	
Pre-conference wild caving (own meals and accom) Limit 20	# places ( )
27 28 May Post-conference Pakawau (pay as you go) Limit 20	# places ( )

Conference Convenors: Pete Chandler and Neil Collinson  
 Committee: Libby Chandler, Chris Stevenson, Kieran Chandler  
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 Phone: +64 7 8787621

Conference fees		Your cost
Registration ACKMA Members	NZ\$600. Includes lunch and dinner, in-conference transport, venues and many little extras. Includes Sunday pre-conference dinner, Wednesday and final Friday dinner.	
Registration Non-ACKMA Member	NZ\$650. Inclusions as above	
Day fee	Please advise which days as costs vary (you will need to add this after consulting with the Conference Convenors)	
	Please advise if you have accompanying family/friends: # people ( )	
Breakfast	Not provided, there are a range of Cafes in the Main Street, many accommodations have kitchen facilities	
<b>Total</b>	<b>NZ\$</b>	
After 1 April 2023	Add 10% late fee (multiply total x 0.01)	
Credit Card	Add 3% surcharge (multiply total x 0.03)	
<b>Total</b>	<b>NZ\$</b>	

How to pay – 3 options		Tick option
A	Australian dollars into an NZ account. 1. Deposit to WPAC NZ2W 03 – 0449 – 0118375 – 000  Please use your surname in the reference codes and also email details to the Conference Convenor	Exchange rate used (... ..)
B	New Zealand dollars into a New Zealand account 2. Deposit to 03 – 0449 – 0118375 – 000  Please use your surname in the reference codes and also email details to the Conference Convenor	
C	Credit cards. Add 3%. Advise, securely, the Conference Convenor of your: card type, account name, expiry date and card number.	

## Other details

Please advise the Conference Convenor here if you have any special requirements e.g., dietary, disabilities, invoice required

For presentations, the Takaka High School Assembly Hall has a large screen and IT facilities. The floor is carpeted, so acoustics are very good

Please also indicate if you have family or others who might like to participate in meals, cave trips or alternatives. We will contact you by email.

