

Ann Augusteyn Award

The Ann Augusteyn Award recognises the excellence and outstanding contribution of an individual to cave and karst guiding and interpretation. Nominations for the award will be open biennially.

Nominations for the Ann Augusteyn Award will open on 16 January 2023 and close on 13 March 2023.



A celebration of Ann Augusteyn

Ann and Ken Augusteyn bought the then Olsens Caves in 1988 and embarked on a journey to further develop and promote the caves which were renamed Capricorn Caves. Ann and Ken, assisted by their family of John, Robert and Helen, worked to modernise the show cave experiences, develop accommodation facilities, provide for greater community connections with the caves and support science research.

After Ken's passing in 2008, Ann continued their vision with a special focus on guide-development and assisting guides to develop engaging cave visitor experiences. Ann was a supporter of ongoing training and development and exposing guides to new and practical ideas to enhance their guiding.

Ann died suddenly in 2018 and ACKMA determined that her efforts to promote vision, excellence and new approaches in cave guiding and presenting should be celebrated and progressed.

Prize

Associate Professor Julia James has donated a shield which rotates from one award winner to the next, with the award winner's name engraved on it.

The award winner will also receive:

- The honour of being recognised by their peers.
- A certificate.
- A year's membership of ACKMA.
- A book prize relevant to caves and karst.

Award criteria

Anyone can nominate an individual for this award. For an individual to be eligible they need to meet the award criteria:

- Be a member of ACKMA or work for an organisation that is a corporate member.
- Show commitment to cave and karst guiding and interpretation.
- Demonstrate leadership in developing new and engaging ways to interpret caves and karst to the community.
- Share with and assist others to further develop the profession of cave and karst guiding and presentation.
- Adapt their cave and karst presentation so that it is relevant to varying audiences.

To make a nomination:

To nominate an individual please provide the following information:

YOUR DETAILS

Your name, full contact details and professional relationship (if any) with the person being nominated.

PERSON BEING NOMINATED

For the person being nominated please include:

- Their name, workplace and workplace address.
- A description of their cave and karst presentation work (maximum 250 words).
- Why you believe they deserve this award. Please refer to award criteria (maximum 250 words).
- Supporting documentation such as video, photos and other documentation (maximum of five documents).
- Names and full contact details of **three professional referees**, including each referee's relationship to the nominee and how they know of the nominee's work as a cave guide, interpreter or presenter. Please think broadly here as a referee does not need to be a speleological expert or have been a cave guide to appreciate excellence in cave and karst guiding and presenting. Referees with a variety of backgrounds relevant to cave and karst presentation are encouraged

KEEP YOUR NOMINATION SECRET

Please note that the award committee would like to keep nominations 'a surprise' until the public announcement and encourage people making a nomination to support this.

For enquiries and to submit a nomination

please email: AnnAugusteynAward@ackma.org

