

Welcome

Australasian Cave and Karst Management Association

23rd ACKMA Conference Takaka 2023 21-26 May

Conference Information

Greetings from New Zealand

----- Programme—April 30 version—

Days have been shuffled as Power outage Takaka hill 23rd May

8.30 start for talks too!

It's been a lot more difficult than I thought to get experts to contribute to the Journal ahead of the conference, but it is happening!!

I have reprinted with permission from the NZSS bulletin, details of the exploration of Totara Cave, the outside environment of which will be visited by delegates, and also, on the Takaka hill day, there is the opportunity to see a recently located stream sink to this system

For an overview of the geology of this region, I again recommend the last chapter of NZ Geology,

https://www.geotrips.org.nz/downloads/Ballance_NZ_Geology-V2.pdf

There have been some delays getting the NZ ACKMA account on line and able to receive international payments, apologies for this, but it is happening soon.

We still have room for some papers and plenty of room for Posters and more Delegates

Nga mihi, Kind Regards Peter Chandler Libby Chandler Neil Collinson

Sunday 21st May

From 5pm onwards Registration and Welcome Meal supplied at Takaka Recreation and Sports Clubrooms

Monday 22nd May

8.30am pickup from Accommodation

9am Welcome from Ngati Tama , Ngati Rarua, Te Atiawa Tangata Whenua at Takaka High School

Morning Tea

Key Note Speakers Ngati Tama

Paul Williams

Andrew Yuille,

Packed lunch to be eaten en route to Waikorupupu Springs,

1pm Visit to Te Waikorupupu springs hosted by TangataWhenua

3pm Possible Q and A extra talk(ROB)

4pm Optional Karst Walk

6pm Dinner at Takaka eat spots of your choice

8.30pm Possible After Dinner Talk – Note Alcohol free venue- (ROB)

Tuesday 23rd

8.00am pickup from Accommodation

8.30am Start

Papers

Morning Tea

Papers

12.00pm Packed lunch

Tour of Limestone of Aorere Valley – we have negotiated access to Te Anaroa cave, owned by the McLennan family, show cave operated until recently.
Aaron McLellan farms the property, and ACKMA propose to assist Aaron afterwards to develop a safety and health plan for any possible future visitation

Afternoon Tea at Historic Bainham Store

AND/OR Aorere Goldfields(2km uphill) walk to and visit Staffords Cave /Ballroom cave with historical signatures from 1860's

OR Commentary Cave - Wild / Adventure cave used by school groups, A Sporty cave !

7pm Dinner at Takaka eat spots of your choice.

8.30pm After Dinner Talk Van Watson the Nelson deep caving scene prior to Oz and all arriving

Wednesday 24th

8.00am pickup from Accommodation

8.30pm Papers

10am Morning tea

10.30am Papers

12.00pm Packed lunch

Walks to both local Karst features the "Labyrinth" and the Grove.
Possible caving Option

4pm AGM

6.30pm arrive

7.00pm Dinner included in the Conference Fee . Drinks extra

Enjoy a convivial evening at Takaka's Dada Manifesto Restaurant

8.30pm After Dinner Talk

Thursday 25 May

7.30am pickup from Accommodation

8am Full day trip to Takaka Hill

9am Visit to Ngarua Show Cave, hosted by David Hobson and Janet Morgan

Walk over David Hodson/ Janet Morgans Farm with optional visits to Hawkes Cave and Kairuru cave part of ancient Ngarua system (for NZ).

These are Horizontal Caves, overalls and Lights are required

12.00pm Lunch Supplied at the Woolshed Café by Jessica and Tony Salmond

1.00pm Travel along Caanan road to visit Harwoods Hole Lookout, Homestead Creek Submergence and the 21 Ha Greenlink Cave entrance property crowd funded by the NZSS Cave Conservation and access trust with assistance from ACKMA) and travel along East Takaka road, to see the interface between the Takaka Hill and the Takaka valley.

7pm Dinner at Takaka eat spots of your choice. Dangerous Kitchen open this evening

8.30pm After Dinner Talk, Van Watson, The Book, 1974 Expedition To Papua New Guinea

Friday 26th

8.00am pickup from Accommodation

8.30am Papers

10.30am Morning Tea

12.00pm Packed lunch

- East Takaka Excursion, Visit environment of the mornings talks and Woolshed cave, a dry level of the 10km long Totara Cave , inaccessible this autumn
- Optional walk to Elliots cave a long closed tourist Cave To be confirmed

5.30pm pickup from accommodation

6pm Final Dinner and Entertainment at Takaka Recreation Hall

Saturday 27th Post Conference Tour, re located to Collingwood, Historic town 30km north of Takaka (no farewell spit tour available this day due to early low tide)

Saturday- Westhaven Inlet Geology Wharariki Beach Walk, Puponga Coalmine ruins walk

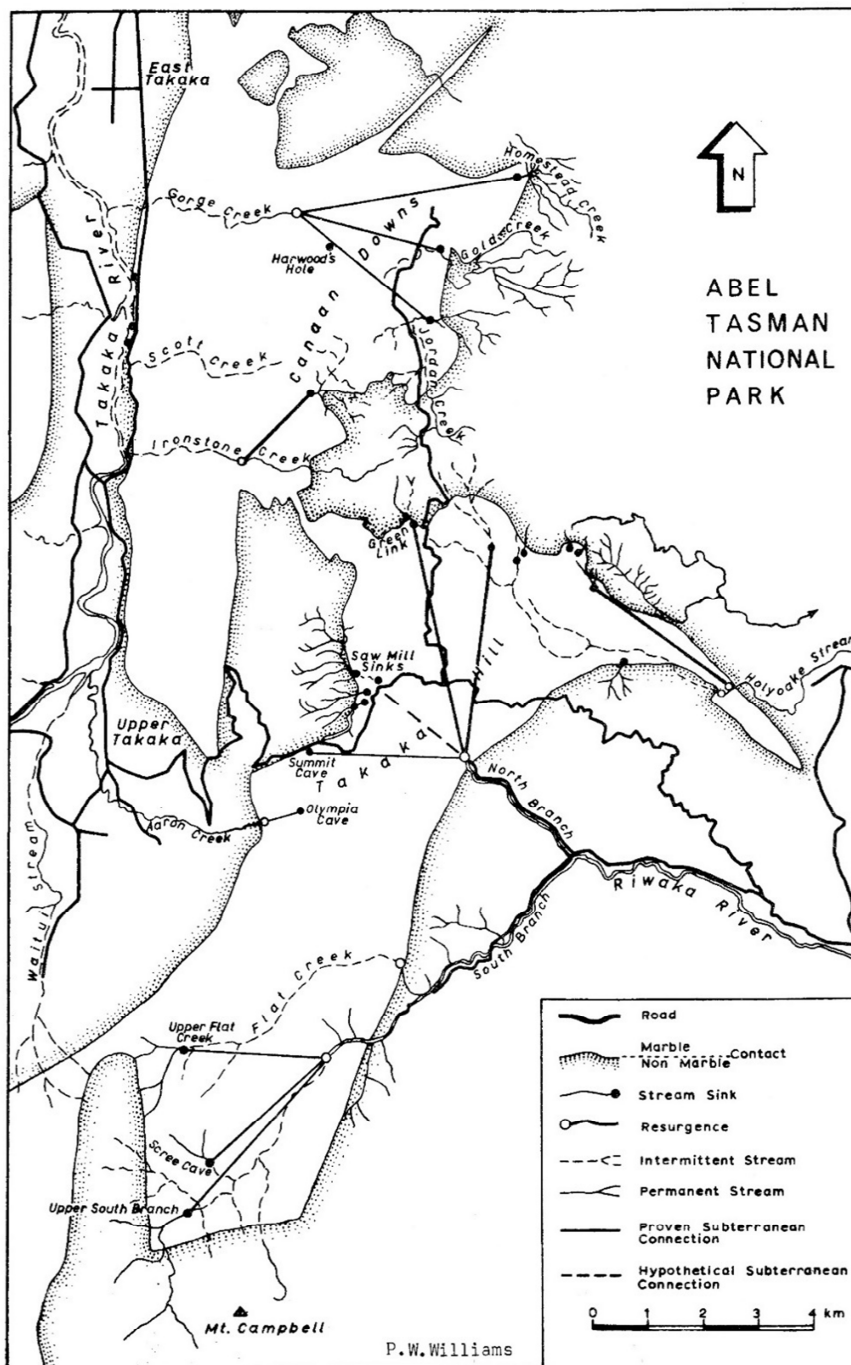
Sunday 28th

Either Farewell spit Safari Ecotour , start at 6.30 am Finish at 1pm 40 km each way along the beach at low tide etc \$175 pp

see <https://www.farewellspit.com/our-tours/farewell-spit-tour/>

Or Excursion to Mt Burnett, a 641 Metre dolomite mountain near Collingwood with unique flora and fauna- led by Greg Knapp, local DOC Botanist, and long time local resident.

Mt Burnett has endemic shrubs and sedges and the endangered carnivorous land snail *Powelliphanta gilliesi*. Access is only available on a Sunday as there is a Quarry operating the other 6 days. Good fitness is required as there is a 90 minute uphill walk to start. **Bring water and Lunch**



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, at 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 the Takaka Hill and the Takaka valley.

Other useful places