

## ACKMA Conference and AGM, New Zealand 2023

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**

We can now reveal the logo for the upcoming ACKMA Conference!

This is the result of a design competition for students at the local Takaka High School. The conference theme is 'Water Underground' and we delighted with the winning entry!

Hopefully you have all booked or are about to book your accommodation option and are thinking about submitting your conference registration!!!



The registration form is available at the end of the journal and is also available on the ACKMA Conference website at <http://ackma.org/conf2023/index.html>.

You can fill this out, save it and email it to the Conference Convenor at [conferenceconvenor@ackma.org](mailto:conferenceconvenor@ackma.org)

There are also some wonderful photos of the area on the website submitted by ACKMA members which you can view to whet your appetite

Are you thinking about giving a presentation? Have you let the conference organisers know???????

If you would like to present either a paper or a poster and have not corresponded with the conference organisers, please do this **as soon as possible**, as we need to finalise the conference program so we can let you know the exciting details of what is going on in the March Journal!



## Nominations for the Ann Augusteyn Award

Open on 16 January 2023

Do you know a cave guide/cave and karst presenter who gives innovative and outstanding tours and presentations? The Ann Augusteyn Award recognises the excellence and outstanding contribution of an individual to cave and karst guiding and interpretation.

At ACKMA meetings and amongst ACKMA members there is often discussion about how we can expand and improve cave interpretation. Recognising the efforts of innovative individuals who give outstanding presentations is one way to help achieve this.

Is there a cave guide/cave and karst presenter who you consider innovative and outstanding? Considering nominating them for the Ann Augusteyn Award.

Full details are at the end of this issue of the journal.

Nominations will close on 13 March 2023. Enquiries to: [annaugusteynaward@ackma.org](mailto:annaugusteynaward@ackma.org)