

## Conference acknowledgements and introduction

### Welcome to the Conference

Our conference organising committee welcomes you to Waitomo Caves 20th Australasian Cave and Karst Management Conference. We have had a great deal of pleasure designing this conference for you. We hope we have been able to create a programme that follows all the well-established traditions of ACKMA conferences but gives you a truly Waitomo flavoured experience.

For those who are visiting for the first time, we hope you begin to feel at home very quickly. Waitomo is a small village and everything you need can be found within a short walking distance. We are a friendly bunch and by the time you leave here you will probably know most of us quite well.

For those returning, welcome back. I'm sure you will notice some changes. We have gained some impressive new buildings at Waitomo Glowworm Cave and sadly we have lost an old friend with our local Tavern burning down. You may notice some new tours and activities too. Happily Waitomo has experienced an upward trend with new business and some reinvigorated older ones bringing more employment and new people to the district.

Our choice of Triple Bottom Line (People, Profit, Place) as a conference theme is a way of expressing our way of life in Waitomo and our optimism for the future. Cave tourism here is firmly rooted in private business enterprise, we all look towards encouraging lots of visitation and a healthy profit. Some of the caves we operate from are privately owned under farmland, some by hapu and some are publicly owned and administered by the Department of Conservation. No matter who owns them we are all very aware of the need to look after our precious karst environment for the benefit of ourselves and future generations.

Lastly we all have great pride and confidence being part of this wonderful community and look towards a shared future in Waitomo. The Triple bottom line theme lets us introduce ourselves to you and gives us scope for self-reflection as we show you around our region.

Our enthusiasm for putting this conference together is demonstrated by the size of our committee, I would like to say it has been a pleasure to work alongside friends and neighbours to bring this conference together.

- Conference Organising Committee



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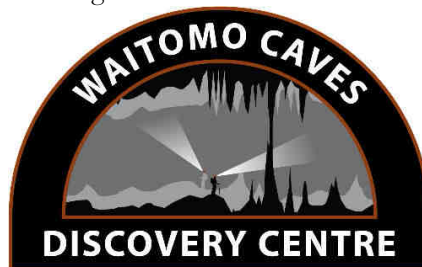
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(alphabetically arranged)

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4. Steven Bourne
5. George Bradford
6. John Brush
7. David Butler
8. Dale Calnin
9. Deborah Carden
10. Siobhan Carter
11. Libby Chandler
12. Peter Chandler
13. Judy Christensen
14. Arthur Clarke
15. Marjorie Coggan
16. Neil Collinson
17. Daniel Cove
18. Travis Cross
19. Peter Crossley
20. Pat Culberg
21. Tony Culberg
22. Brett Dalzell
23. Laura Dawson
24. Geoff Deer
25. Trish Deer
26. Kirsty Dixon
27. Judith Dixon
28. Andy Eavis
29. Kerryann Flohr
30. Grant Gartrell
31. Mark Gibson
32. Matt Gillies
33. Don Haider
34. David Head
35. Gordon Hewson
36. Amanda Hinton
37. Cameron James
38. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Julia James
39. Sasa Kennedy
40. Rich Kersel
41. Moira Lipyeat
42. Hans Loder
43. Greg Martin
44. Derek Mason
45. Ted Matthews
46. Mary McCabe
47. Phillip McGuinn
48. Scott Melton
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58. Barry Richard
59. Regina Roach
60. David Rowling
61. Catherine Sellars
62. Dave Smith
63. Andy Spate
64. Haydn Stedman
65. Lyn Stedman
66. Dirk Stoffels
67. Tim Stokes
68. Angus Stubbs
69. David Summers
70. Tom Summers
71. Robert Tahiri
72. Te Maunga Haruru
73. Mary Traves
74. Troy Watson
75. Rauleigh Webb
76. Samantha Webb
77. Manuwai Wells
78. Jordan Wheeler
79. Nicholas White
80. Susan White
81. Prof. Paul Williams
82. Anne Woodward
83. Phil Woodward
84. David Wools-Cobb
85. Celina Yapp
86. Lucas Zielke