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# TROPICON



**27th to 31st DECEMBER**

**1988**

**at**

**TINAROO FALLS**

**FAR NORTH**

**QUEENSLAND**



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## THE AUSTRALIAN SPELEOLOGICAL FEDERATION

The Australian Speleological Federation (ASF) was formed in 1956 to promote Australian speleology.

Membership was based on membership by clubs throughout Australia but in recent times an individual membership for cavers has been added.

Because of the tyranny of Australia's great distances, meetings of the ASF are difficult to arrange. The Biennial Conference is an occasion for ASF committee meetings as well as a time for cavers to get together as Australian cavers.

## TROPICON

The ASF has been holding biennial conferences since the mid 1950's. These conferences have provided a meeting ground for cavers from all over Australia and the South Pacific Region.

Conference sessions first started as informal discussions and have since developed a more formal structure with highly informative papers balanced by down to earth and humorous papers.

A circuit of conferences has developed in a State by State sequence and this is the second conference to be held in Queensland.

Tropicon represents a unique opportunity for cavers to come together to promote common ideals and to have friendly discussions about their differences (ie between sandgroppers and banana benders etc)

Tropicon is being held at the Queensland Recreation Council's Lake Tinaroo Recreation Camp. Accommodation is dormitory style and is fully catered. Please supply your own linen as this is not available. Liquid refreshments will be on sale.

There is no public transport from Cairns to Tinaroo Falls township. The Conference organisers will do their best to assist persons coming by public transport to Cairns provided full details of travel arrangements are given with reasonable notice but of course we cannot guarantee to provide transport in all circumstances.

Tinaroo Falls also has a motel and a caravan park within walking distance of the Conference site. Telephone numbers of these are given below. Should you wish to camp and self cater please make your own off site arrangements.

Tinaroo Motel ..... (070) 958-200  
Tinaroo Pines Caravan Park ..... (070) 958-232

## FURTHER INFORMATION

For further details contact:-

Chris Parr ..... (070) 510-452  
Douglas Irvin ..... (070) 546-612

Tropicon, P.O. Box 92, Cairns 4870.

FAX through Economy Carriers ..... (070) 535-817

## LAKE TINAROO SITE

The conference site is on Lake Tinaroo - a large fresh water irrigation dam. The site is usually a recreation camp for children and is equipped accordingly.

The following equipment is available for the use of delegates subject to control by ASF:-

catamaran	sailboards
kayaks	Canadian canoes

At this time of year swimming in the Pacific Ocean and coastal estuaries is not safe due to marine stingers. These are additional to the sharks and crocodiles which are there all the time.

## PHOTOGRAPHIC/MAP COMPETITION

Details have been published in Australian Caver Nos. 115 & 117.

## PAPERS

We need your support to make this conference work. Papers on any relevant subject will be accepted. The main theme of the conference is tropical karst but we do not wish to restrict papers to this subject exclusively. Details of requirements for papers is given in Australian Caver No. 117.

Workshops will be held on a variety of topics as required. Suggestions on topics are welcomed.

## FIELD TRIPS

Pre-conference field trips will be held at Mt. Etna, near Rockhampton, between 10-23rd December 1988. Support CQSS and see the bat emergence flight from Bat Cleft. It may be your last chance.

Post-conference field trips will be held at Chillagoe, starting with a New Year's Eve party. It would be easy to spend over a week on caving and other activities at Chillagoe. A field trip to the Undarra Lava Tunnels, near Mt. Surprise, will leave from Chillagoe early in January 1989.

## OTHER TRIPS

Visitors to this area should be aware that there are many attractions which are well worth seeing. Mention should be made of the Barrier Reef, Cape Tribulation and the Atherton Tablelands with the tropical rainforest areas. Please make your own arrangements for these trips through tour operators in Cairns or elsewhere.

## PROGRAMME

10-23/12/1988 Pre-Conference Trips

Tuesday 27/12/88

- 9-00AM Registration
- 1-30PM )ASF Committee Meeting
- 5-00PM )
- 6.30PM Welcome BBQ till late

Wednesday 28/12/88

- 9-00AM )Opening - General Session
- 12-30PM )
- 2-00PM )Sessions
- 5-00PM )
- 7-30PM Workshops

Thursday 29/12/88

- 9-00AM )Sessions
- 12-30PM )
- 2-00PM Speleo Sports
- 7-30PM Photo Competition

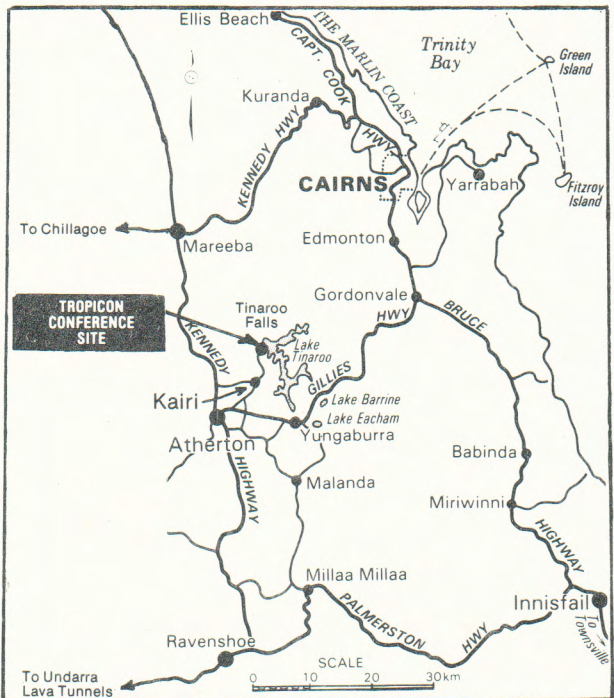
Friday 30/12/88

- 9-00AM )Sessions
- 12-30PM )
- 2-00PM )Sessions
- 5-00PM )
- 6-30PM Pre-dinner drinks
- 7-00PM Caver's Dinner

Saturday 31/12/88

- 9-00AM ASF Committee Meeting
- 6-30PM New Year BBQ Chillagoe

Commence Post-Conference Field Trips at Chillagoe and in early January to Undarra.







## FLY AUSTRALIAN AIRLINES

Your Committee has appointed Australian Airlines the Official Airline to this Conference. In recognition of valuable contributions made by Australian Airlines it is important that you support this appointment by flying Australian Airlines wherever air travel is required.

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# ASF 17th BIENNIAL CONFERENCE - TROPICON REGISTRATION FORM

Surname ..... Title/s .....

Given Name/s .....

Postal Address

Street/P.O. Box .....

Town/City .....

State ..... Post code .....

## REGISTRATION

Registration by 30/09/88 (\$20-00ea) \$ .....

Registration by 27/12/88 (\$25-00ea) \$ .....

(Above fees cover administration and  
conference programme booklet)

Preprints of Conference Papers  
(\$20-00ea) \$ .....

Chillagoe Karst - A Speleological  
Field Guide to the Chillagoe, Mungana  
and Rookwood Areas (\$10-00ea) \$ .....

Chillagoe Karst Update (Caves  
CH301 - CH400) (\$7-00ea) \$ .....

Welcome BBQ Non Residents  
(\$5-00ea) \$ .....

(Children under 5 years no charge)

Caver's Dinner

Residents (\$20-00ea)

Non-residents (\$25-00ea) \$ .....

(Children under 5 years no charge)

T-Shirts

Size 10.... 12.... 14.... 16....

18.... 20.... 22.... 24....

Please show number of each size reqd.

Price (\$10-00)ea \$ .....

Accommodation

(Tuesday lunch to Saturday morning)

In house (\$80-00ea) \$ .....

Live out (own arrangements)

(Children - under 2 years no charge

- 2 to 5 year half rates)

**TOTAL COSTS\$ .....**

Child care for Caver's Dinner (no charge)

....Number children under 5 years

....Number children over 5 years

Field Trips

I/we expect to partake of the following field  
trips:-

Pre-conference (Mt. Etna)....

Post-conference (Chillagoe)....

(Undarra)....

Chew, chop, tear, rip or cut along this line

**PAYMENT DETAILS**

Cheque Number ..... Bank .....  
Amount \$ .....  
Bank/Master Card ..... Expiry Date .....  
Number .....  
Signature.....  
Date..../..../....

**Travel Arrangements**

I do/do not require assistance from Cairns to Lake Tinaroo.

Where assistance required - have full details of travel arrangements been given?    Yes/No

Please return this Registration Form with your payment to  
**The Secretary, Tropicon, PO Box 92, Cairns Q 4870** by **30th September 1988** to obtain the discount on registration fees.