

Poster Summary:

Track Marking System

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SRGWA, like many other societies throughout Australia, have been concerned for quite some time about the damage that visitors cause in caves. During the late 1970's SRG began looking for inexpensive sources of reflective material; the best source ultimately being damaged road signs.

In the early 1980's, a small quantity of damaged signs were acquired for testing in caves. These signs were cut into 20 mm discs and quite a few found their way into Bob Woolhouse's Kubla Khan (Tasmania) clean-up project of that period.

In the late 1980's, more signs were acquired from the Western Australian Main Roads Authority on an ad-hoc basis and a semi-mass production system set up. Following the formation of a regional cave management advisory committee with WA's Department of Conservation and Land Management (CALM), moves were made towards a standardised approach to track and route marking with caves throughout Western Australia.

During 1993 and 1994, a colour coding system was formalised for use throughout CALM's cavernous regions, and several authorities were approached for funding enabling more efficient production of reflective 30 and 50 mm discs. The track marking funding project led to the development of the multi-purpose *TrackTag*, a PVC "price tag" for use in conjunction with reflective discs to designate routes, track widths and "fishing line" barricades.

SRGWA is advocating a standardised adoption of track marking codes throughout Australia.

A small quantity of materials will be available for sale at Vulcon.