



2001: a cave odyssey 23rd ASF Biennial Conference Sponsors



Mountain Designs was our major sponsor of the 23rd Biennial Conference in Bathurst, donating \$1000 as well as \$1000 worth of merchandise. A big thankyou goes out to Mike Fruend, the marketing manager for Mountain Designs, for supporting our event in such a wonderful way.



Jenolan Caves Reserve Trust provided very generous support in hosting the Opening ceremony at Abercrombie Caves and a full field trip day out at Jenolan Caves, providing many ASF members from interstate with their first Jenolan experience. Complimentary cave visits were provided for us at the caves. At the Opening Ceremony, Domino Houlbrook sang at the opening ceremony, a piece composed by fellow Jenolan employee, Dan Cove. Mia Thurgate, Karst Resource Officer, hosted a field trip to Borenore Caves later in the week. Andrew Lawrence from Jenolan was the Conference's Art display co-ordinator. Overall the Trust played an active role in many aspects of this conference, for which we are thankful.



Bacardi, another of our bigger sponsors provided us with some wonderful Bacardi merchandise, which made our New years Eve-Bacardi Bash party a wonderful success, they even loaned us some glass-wear for our special Bacardi cocktails that were served that night! And of course the theme for the evening was the bat with many conference attendees dressing up to the theme in some quite interesting ways.



Spelean very kindly supported our conference with donating some great prizes, like the petzl megabelt head torch for the Caver's Diner lucky door prize. A large collection of International Caver Magazines was also kindly donated.



The Duracell division of the Gillette Company provided us with lots of free AA batteries for our conference showbags, which was a nice bonus for all that post conference caving planned!

Other contributors which deserve a special thanks are Drayton's Family Wines, The Novak Camera House Newcastle, The Great Outdoors Newcastle, Kodak Australasia, R. Gunz Photographic Supplies, Pitch Black, Eastmon Camera House, Fletcher's Fotographics, Better Photography, L & P Photographic Supplies and Yaffa Publishing Group.

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Please mention your gratitude to these businesses for their contributions in this event when dealing with them, as they truly were generous.

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