



# Cave Mania

## Preliminary Program

### Sunday 2nd

(From 2 pm) Registration, ASF Executive Meeting  
(evening) Welcoming BBQ

### Monday 3rd

(before 10am) Final Registration  
(10am) Official Opening  
(pm) Papers  
(evening) Art Exhibition Opening and Drinks

### Tuesday 4th

(am) Papers  
(pm) ASF Council Meeting  
(evening) Viewing Map Competition Entries

### Wednesday 5th

(all day) Field trips  
Mystery Creek Cave or Newdegate (Hastings Tourist)  
Cave or King George V Adventure Cave Tour  
(6pm) BBQ at the Thermal Pool.

### Thursday 6th

(am and pm) Papers  
(evening) Slide and Digital Image Photo Competition Entries

### Friday 7th

(am and pm) Papers  
(evening) Cavemaniacs Dinner and Prize Presentations

### Saturday 8th

(am and pm) ASF Council Meeting

### Sunday 9th

(am) Departure.  
Post-Conference Field trips commence.

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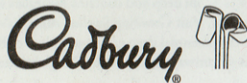
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- Delegates may travel up to seven (7) days either side of the conference date.

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## Downunder at Dover

25th Biennial Conference of the  
Australian Speleological Federation  
2nd-9th January 2005

[www.tesa.com.au/stc/cavemania/](http://www.tesa.com.au/stc/cavemania/)



# Visit the Caving State in 2005!

Tasmania has it all! Australia's deepest caves, some of the longest caves, certainly the most sporting, the prettiest and some of the most biologically interesting caves. Tasmania has classic karst, interesting hydrology and wonderful tourist caves.

CaveMania is conveniently located in Tasmania's picturesque south, close to the Southwest Wilderness World Heritage Area.

The venue at Far South Wilderness Co. offers a relaxed bush setting, water frontage and spectacular views of the surrounding mountains. Caving is close at hand at the Hastings and Ida Bay areas.

Visit the Conference Website:

[www.tesa.com.au/stc/cavemania/](http://www.tesa.com.au/stc/cavemania/)

## Getting to the Conference

Participants may choose to bring their car on the ferry from Sydney or Melbourne to Devonport where overnight and day sailings are available during summer. There are a number of flights into Hobart from Melbourne and Sydney daily. Hire cars are readily available. There is a regular bus service from Hobart. Dover is 85km south of Hobart and has a full range of facilities

Be warned, however, that for all transport and alternative accommodation it is advisable to book early; summer is peak season on the Holiday Isle!

Far South is located a further 5km south. The venue offers 6 berth dormitory accommodation, communal showers, dining and BBQ facilities and a meeting room. Surrounded by bushland and in close proximity to bushwalks and caving areas this is an ideal low key venue for the most relaxing of conferences. For those wanting more salubrious accommodation options there is a range of alternatives around Dover.

## Post Conference Trips

### Ida Bay

Centrepiece of this area is the 25km long Exit Cave\* system the longest cave in south eastern Australia. Embroiled in a controversy over limestone quarrying it was finally saved in 1993 and included in the World Heritage Area in 1998. Activity in the area was frantic with many caves being discovered and explored. Today there are still regular cave discoveries being made. Become apart of an exploration team or just visit some of the old faithfuls: The Midnight Hole abseil through trip, Mystery Creek Cave's glow-worm chambers or the 110m entrance pitch in Mini-Martin#.

### Hastings

Visit Newdegate Cave, one of Tasmania's finest tourist caves, now with its state of the art lighting system and then relax in the luxurious Thermal Pool. Visit Wolf Hole or experience the Adventure Cave Tours trip through King George V.

### Juneeflorentine

Australia's premier sport caving location and home to Australia's deepest cave. Niggly Cave# is 373m deep and contains Australia's longest pitch the 191m Black Supergiant. Visit Growling Swallet, Australia's most impressive streamsink. Tackle the perennial deep caving test piece of Khazad-dum with its spectacular streamway pitches or the Slaughterhouse Pot-Growing Swallet through-trip.

### Mole Creek

Contains two other fine tourist caves: Marakoopa Cave and King Solomon's. This area also contains the best caves in Australia not to be developed as tourist caves; the awesomely amazing Kubla Khan Cave\* with its 17m high stalagmite of the same name and the spectacularly beautiful Croesus Cave\*. The area has some of the best textbook hydrology in Australia and the town is named after its classic underground stream, best seen at Wet Cave and Honeycomb Cave.

### Gunn's Plains, Loongana and Mt Cripps

Lesser known but no less interesting these areas contain something different. Gunn's Plains also has a tourist cave.

## Pre-Conference Trips

Only by prior arrangement.

For further information contact:

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Dave Woolls-Cobb (North): [wools@southcom.com.au](mailto:wools@southcom.com.au)

\* Clubs will need to arrange their own permits for these trips and specify a date – see website for details.

# Groups need to be independent when visiting these caves.

## Papers

We hope to present a range of interesting and informative papers covering all aspects of speleology. If you have something to contribute either to update our knowledge, inform or entertain us we wish to hear from you. Become a presenter, hold a workshop or prepare a poster. For further information contact Albert Goede

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## Map Competition

We will be holding a map competition, with prizes, for the best cave map. Bring multiple copies to sell. For further information contact Jeff Butt [jeffbutt@netspace.net.au](mailto:jeffbutt@netspace.net.au)

## Survey Competition

How accurate is your surveying? Put it to the test. We will be holding a surveying competition with prizes. Bring your instruments with you.

## Photographic Competition

A range of photographic categories are on offer to cater for the range of photographic options; slides, prints, digital and more. Start thinking about it now and take your camera caving during the next year. Categories and Conditions of Entry will be included on a separate Entry Form which will accompany a second CaveMania circular.

## Art Show

A wonderful opportunity to view and purchase artworks featuring cave landscapes and activities. For further information contact June McLucas [junemad@senet.com.au](mailto:junemad@senet.com.au)

## Packages • Prices • Merchandise

A full schedule of prices will be available in the second Cavemania circular. Early bird specials will be available. There will be the full range of conference merchandise including CaveMania T-shirts and accessories.

## Cave Through the Ages

The Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery in Hobart will be holding an exhibition on caving during the summer. Stop in and have a look either on your way down or on the way back.



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