

CAVES, MOSQUITO PLAINS. SECOND CHAMBER

Figure 1: Caves, Mosquito Plains, Second Chamber

The CDAA, Training and Diving in Mt Gambier

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Abstract

The Cave Divers Association of Australia (CDAA) was formed in the 1970's after several fatalities in the Mt Gambier region. Needing a formal training agency to train open water divers in overhead environment and to control access for qualified divers to safely dive caves in Australia, the CDAA now has three levels of rating for cave divers.

Each of these ratings has prerequisites and extensive theory and practical sessions to assess the standard of each diver and to prove they are competent in the environment they will be trained for. Deep Cavern is the start of the ladder, followed by Cave and then Penetration (Advanced Cave), which is the highest award that can be obtained in cave diving training.

Cave diving training in Mt Gambier allows premium training sites for instructors to teach in and students can continue their diving here post course.

We'll have a look at some of these sites with training standards and the expectation of CDAA members diving these truly magnificent sites.