

Images of the Naracoorte Caves World Heritage Area

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19c Images

1860s Pencil Sketch Blanche

Anonymous artists impression of a Stalactite Cave near Mount Gambier c. 1865.

Mortlock Library. Adelaide.

1860s Woods1, 2, 3

Anonymous Photographs c. 1860.

Copies from Les Hill Collection – original provenance unknown.

1861 Burkitt1, 2

Alexander Burkitt engravings from Tenison-Woods *Geological Observations* . . . Based upon above photographs. Frontispiece and facing p. 325.

1868 Leighton

Sketch from Leightons Journal, vol. 2. From National Library Collection.

1882 Sells

Cave near Narracoorte

Millicent Art Gallery South Australia

1889 Cassells 1, 2

From *Cassells' Picturesque Australia*

Pp 92, 93 based upon photographs by Thomas J Washbourne
May 1879

Advertising

The following four advertisements all appeared in Bevilaquas
Narracoorte Views of the Caves and Township

1910s Mark Reed
Commercial Hotel
Davies
Narracoorte Hotel

Alexandra Cave

1910s Straws
From Postcard by anonymous photographer

1920s Wedding Cake
From Postcard by G W Davidge

1970s Cleaning Entry Tunnel
B Allen at work
Photograph Hamilton-Smith

1980s Straws
Photograph Hamilton-Smith
1990s Mirror
Photograph Hamilton-Smith

Bats – Bat Cave

1960s Adult Roost
1960s Constantine Trap
1960s Entering Bat Cave
1960s Juvenile Roost
1960s Lone Bat
All Photographs Hamilton-Smith

Blanche Cave

1900s Fernery 1
1900s Fernery 2
1900s Fernery 3
All photographs W A Francis

1900s Second Window
Photograph A Petree

1900s Visitors with Guide
1900s Visitors
1920s Carthy and Canna Garden
Anonymous Photographer

1920s Entry Steps
1920s Fernery
Photographs G W Davidge

1970s Aboriginal Site
1980s Entry Steps
1980s Handrails^{1,2,3}
1980s Rustic Seat
2003 Third Window
Photographs Hamilton-Smith

Built Facilities

2003 Bat Viewing Centre
2003 Diprotodon^{1,2,3}
Photographs Hamilton-Smith

Events

1909 Alexandra Opening
1 The Governor and Lady Bosanquet at the entrance to Alexandra Cave
2 At the Caves ; The Opening Ceremony
3 Naval Arch of Welcome at the Railway Gates
From *Observer*, May 22, 1909, p.27

4 Arrival of Vice-Regal party at Narracoorte Railway Station
5 Procession through the streets to the Show Grounds
6 The Governor and Lady Bosanquet driving to the caves
7 Group of School Children
8 Mr Laurie welcomes the Governor
From *Chronicle*, May 22, 1909, p.30

1924 Back to Narracoorte^{1,2}
Both photographs J C Farmer

1986 Blanche Cave 'Opening' ¹⁻¹⁴
March 29th, 1986 (See Photograph 14)
Photographs Hamilton-Smith

1994 Wet Cave 'Opening' ¹⁻⁴
Photographs 1,2,3 depict Warwick Greaves re-enacting William Reddan as Guide
Photographs Hamilton-Smith

Landscapes

1898 Stony Point Picnic
Photograph W A Francis

1920s Stony Point Swimming Hole^{1,2,3}
Photographs J C Farmer

1930s Fence by Leitch
From Postcard by Rose Stereograph Ltd

1950s Blanche Cave Pergola
Photograph depicts Neville Smith

1980s Stony Point Redgum
1980s Stony Point Swimming Hole
2003 *E.baxteri* woodland^{1,2}
2003 Revegetation^{1,2}

Other Caves

1927 Brown Snake 1,2,3
Photographs J C Farmer

1980s Fox Cave
1980s Wombat Cave Crystals
Photographs Hamilton-Smith

People

1860s Woods1
1875 Woods2
Anonymous Photographer; both from O'Neill's 1929 Biography.

1885 Battams At House
1885 Battams Text
Anonymous Photographer

1890s Reddan and Family At House
1898 Agnes Reddan {at extreme left in this photograph of
Narracoorte Dramatic Society; William Platt at rear wearing top
hat}
Photographs W A Francis

1900s William Augustus Francis
Self-Portrait ?

1909 William Reddan
Photographer W A Francis

1910s J Mason1,2
Anonymous Photographer

1910s Robert Leitch
As Athletics Champions
Anonymous Photographer

1918 W A Carthy
Anonymous Photographer

1923 Reddan Gravestone
Photograph Hamilton-Smith (1980s)

1927 Robert Leitch et al
at discovery of Brown Snake Cave
Photograph J C Farmer

1930s Robert Leitch2,3
Anonymous Photographer

Postal Items

Advertising envelope^{1,2}

1915 Lettercard

1983 Narracoorte Pictorial Post Markers

First used 12th January 1983

1996 World Heritage

1 First Day Cover

2 Maximum Card

3 Commercially marketed replica on fridge magnet

Souvenirs

Fern Grotto Bowl

Fern Grotto¹

Laurie's Grotto¹

Mirror Bowl

Mirror Jug

Mirror Vase

Mirror¹

Mirror²

These are only a small selection of the many pieces of souvenir china marketed at Naracoorte. There are some 50 items in the Hamilton-Smith collection, probably ranging from 1910s to 1950s.

Victoria Cave

1900s Albert Edward

1900s Laurie's Grotto

Both postcards by W A Francis

1960s Fossil deposit^{1,2,3}

1970s Electrics (New installation as part of massive upgrade 1977-78)

1970s Fossil dig

1980s Speleothems

1990s Laurie's Grotto

1917 Pleasure Resort sign

(Photograph Hamilton-Smith 1960s)