

## Conference acknowledgements and introduction

### Welcome to the Conference

The Conference Organising Committee warmly welcomes you to Tasmania and the 19th Australasian Cave and Karst Management Conference. The seaside town of Ulverstone has been chosen as a convenient central location allowing travel to the cave and karst areas of Mole Creek, Gunns Plains, Rocky Cape and Dismal Swamp at Togari. As well, the Ulverstone Surf Life Saving Club is an enjoyable conference venue beside the beach and with views over Bass Strait. It is within easy walking distance of the accommodation.

While practicality dictates a need for a conference venue some distance from the Tasmanian wilderness, the conference theme of wilderness karst celebrates the large areas of wild and still largely unexplored karst that lie within the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area. The conference theme and field trips highlight the contrasts between the need to properly manage show cave adventure cave geotourism, and also protecting the ecological values and scope for rare adventure that wild karsts embody.



Tony Culberg – Conference Convener

Caves at Mole Creek and Gunns Plains have been famed Tasmanian beauty spots for more than a century while the Dismal Swamp polje has been developed as a surface karst tourism site in recent years. We look forward to visiting these places with you on the field trips, enjoying their splendour and discussing management issues and options with you.

The Conference Organising Committee members feel very privileged that His Excellency Honourable Peter Underwood, AC, Governor of Tasmania is officially opening the conference and that His Excellency and Mrs Underwood have accepted our invitation to visit Gunns Plains Cave after the conference opening.

Thank you for coming to Tasmania to participate in this conference. There is a great program of speakers and field trips. We hope you will enjoy the conference and your time in Tasmania. If there's something you need our assistance with during the week, please ask one of the locals and we'll try and assist.

– Conference Organising Committee

## Acknowledgements - Support for the conference

The conference has not had the benefit of any sponsors or the backing of a government agency. We are grateful for the following individuals and organisations for their assistance.

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Mole Creek Karst  
NATIONAL PARK



Rocky Cape  
NATIONAL PARK

- *Forestry Tasmania* for providing complimentary access to the Tarkine Forest Adventures (Dismal Swamp polje).



Forestry Tasmania



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- Ish Catering
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Conference Photo, Ulverstone, Tasmania (Rauleigh Webb. photo)

## List of delegates

(alphabetically arranged)

1. Jay Anderson
2. Ross Anderson
3. Ann Augusteyn
4. Peter Austen
5. Serena Benjamin
6. Steven Bourne
7. John Brush
8. David Butler
9. Dale Calnin
10. Deborah Carden
11. Peter Chandler
12. Libby Chandler
13. Professor Arrigo Cigna
14. Arthur Clarke
15. Marjorie Coggan
16. Daniel Cove
17. Travis Cross
18. Pat Culberg
19. Tony Culberg
20. Geoff Deer
21. Trish Deer
22. Kirsty Dixon
23. Peter Gazik
24. Peter Grills
25. Nic Haygarth
26. David Head
27. Nicholas Heath
28. Deb Hunter
29. Daniel Huth
30. Dr. Julia James
31. Geoff Kell
32. Sasa Kennedy
33. Moira Lipyeat
34. Greg Martin
35. Derek Mason
36. Ted Matthews
37. Mary Mccabe
38. Phillip McGuinn
39. Scott Melton
40. Jan Miller
41. Dr. Timothy Moulds
42. Dr. Anne Musser
43. Cathie Plowman
44. Barry Richard
45. Regina Roach
46. Catherine Sellars
47. Chris Sharples
48. Chester Shaw

49. Dave Smith
50. Andy Spate
51. Dianne Vavryn
52. Rauleigh Webb
53. Samantha Webb
54. Nicholas White
55. Anne Wood
56. Peter Wood
57. David Wools-Cobb
58. Celina Yapp

### Part Time Attendees

59. Simon Ambrose
60. Stephen Blanden
61. Denna Kingdom
62. Ian Brumby
63. Michael Driessen
64. Rod Pearse