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A taste of Australia—the karst and caves of southern New South Wales.

Seven day excursion visiting a variety of cave, karst and other geological sites in southern New South Wales. We will also have plenty of places to enjoy the Australian bush and its unique vegetation and wildlife.

This will include an overnight at the Wombeyan Caves reserve where you will see kangaroos and other wildlife close to your accommodation. Bungonia, Wee Jasper, Wombeyan and Abercrombie caves will all be visited. We will enjoy some outstanding scenic coastal sites near Wollongong and visit the World Heritage listed Blue Mountains.

This trip will suit those wanting to see a variety of bush, cave, mountain and coastal environments in southern NSW. There will be plenty of walking and activity but there’s no need to be super fit. No crawling or helmets required on the cave trips and plenty of time for sight-seeing, photography and enjoyment.



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Summary:

Starting place, date and time.	End place, date and approximate time.	Number of participants.	Sleeping bags required.	Camping gear (tents) required.	Included meals.	SRT required.	Cost A\$ (Incl. GST)
Sydney 17 July 8.00 a.m.	Sydney (congress venue) 23 July 4.00 p.m.	Min: 11 Max: 26	No	No	All meals	No	\$2310



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Detail:

Name of excursion.	B6.SKC A taste of Australia—the karst and caves of southern New South Wales
Contact person.	Grace Matts – grace.matts@grg.nsw.edu.au
Overview of excursion.	A bus trip that will visit a number of cave and karst sites in southern New South Wales—Wombeyan, Wee Jasper, Bungonia and Abercrombie cave areas. Plenty of options for seeing wildlife up-close, plenty of native bushland including an interpretive guided walk, beautiful beaches, spectacular coastal scenery, the Blue Mountains World Heritage Area, geology of the Sydney basin, three regional cities and more. Plenty of activity, walking and photographic opportunities, but no crawling or hard-hats required.
Starting place, date and time.	17 July 2017, Sydney, 8.00 a.m. Departure will be from hotel accommodation for the night of 16 July (included in cost of excursion). Hotel location will be advised at a later date.
Finishing place, date and time.	23 July 2017. Arrives congress venue at Panthers, Penrith, Western Sydney. 4.00 p.m.
Min and max no of participants.	Minimum: 11 People Maximum: 26 People
Cost of excursion and what is included.	A\$2310 per person. Includes seven days with all meals, seven nights accommodation and entry fees to all sites visited. As with the rest of Australia and New Zealand, tipping is not required.

Transport.	Travelling by comfortable bus.
Accommodation type.	Motel and cabin accommodation. Accommodation included for the nights of 16–22 July inclusive.
Bedding requirements.	All bedding, linen and towels provided.
What meals are included?	Includes breakfasts, lunches, dinners and morning tea. Tea and coffee available with all meals. Alcoholic drinks and soft drinks are not included. Opportunities for purchase of these will be available.
Arrangements for meals not covered and anticipated costs.	N/A
Is SRT required?	No.
Clothing requirements.	Expect cold weather. Layered, warm outdoor clothing, robust walking shoes or boots, warm socks, warm hat, gloves, waterproof jacket and a day pack are all required. A dry-bag to protect your camera gear is recommended.
Average weather details for July.	This excursion will visit a number of locations. Average July weather conditions for three of these locations are: Wollongong: 9.1°C (min) 16.1 C (max) 50 mm precipitation. Goulburn: -0.7°C (min) 10.9°C (max) 59 mm precipitation. Katoomba: 2.3°C (min) 10.2°C (max) 80 mm precipitation. Average daylight hours in July: 10.5 hours.
Travel considerations: remote area, phone coverage, medical access, money access, local quarantine issues.	With the exception of day 4 where we are overnight at Wombeyan Caves, all overnight stays are in regional cities with mobile phone coverage and access to shops and automatic teller machines.



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