

ASF NSIG Annual Report

The ASF Nullarbor Special Interest Group (NSIG) was established in 2022 with the aim of fostering the cooperation and sharing of knowledge of the caves and karst of the Nullarbor Plains with ASF members and relevant stakeholders. Its inaugural year was primarily focused on establishing the group, as well as encouraging membership.

The ASF NSIG held its second AGM in February of this year. Most of the inaugural committee were voted back in with myself taking over as chair from Steve Milner. We also welcomed new members Cathi Humphrey-Hood and Stan Flavel.

In April we held a workshop at the ASF Conference in Ceduna to gauge what ASF members were wanting from the NSIG. This was an extremely successful exercise resulting in many valuable contributions from workshop participants. All contributions were collated into focus areas and will be used to guide the future direction of the NSIG Committee.

Projects the NSIG have been working on and established this year are as follows:

- Development of an official logo.
- Establishment of an NSIG website under the ASF umbrella.
- Establishment of a Nullarbor trip register accessible to all financial NSIG members.

Projects the NSIG are currently working on include:

- Negotiations with relevant stakeholders to simplify and streamline Nullarbor cave permit requirements. Permit information, forms, etc. then to be put in Members section of website.
- Contact information for all relevant landowners/managers to be put on the website in the Members section.
- Communications with all relevant landowners/managers about the NSIG and its role in the caving community.
- Collaboration with the production of Nullarbor wind farm development campaign film.

We encourage anyone with an interest in the Nullarbor to join the the group. Membership of the NSIG currently stands at 27. We hope this will continue to grow with the advent of the website now being live. Please visit <https://nullarbor-sig.caves.org.au> for more information on how to join.

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