

# Karst Conservation Fund (ASF Gift Fund)

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## Fund Management Commission:

The ASF has established a Commission to provide the Directors with advice on projects and to manage matters such as fund raising and reporting. The current members are:

Peter Berrill (Fund)  
John Dunkley (Fund)  
Nicholas White (ASF Executive)  
Grace Matts (ASF Executive)

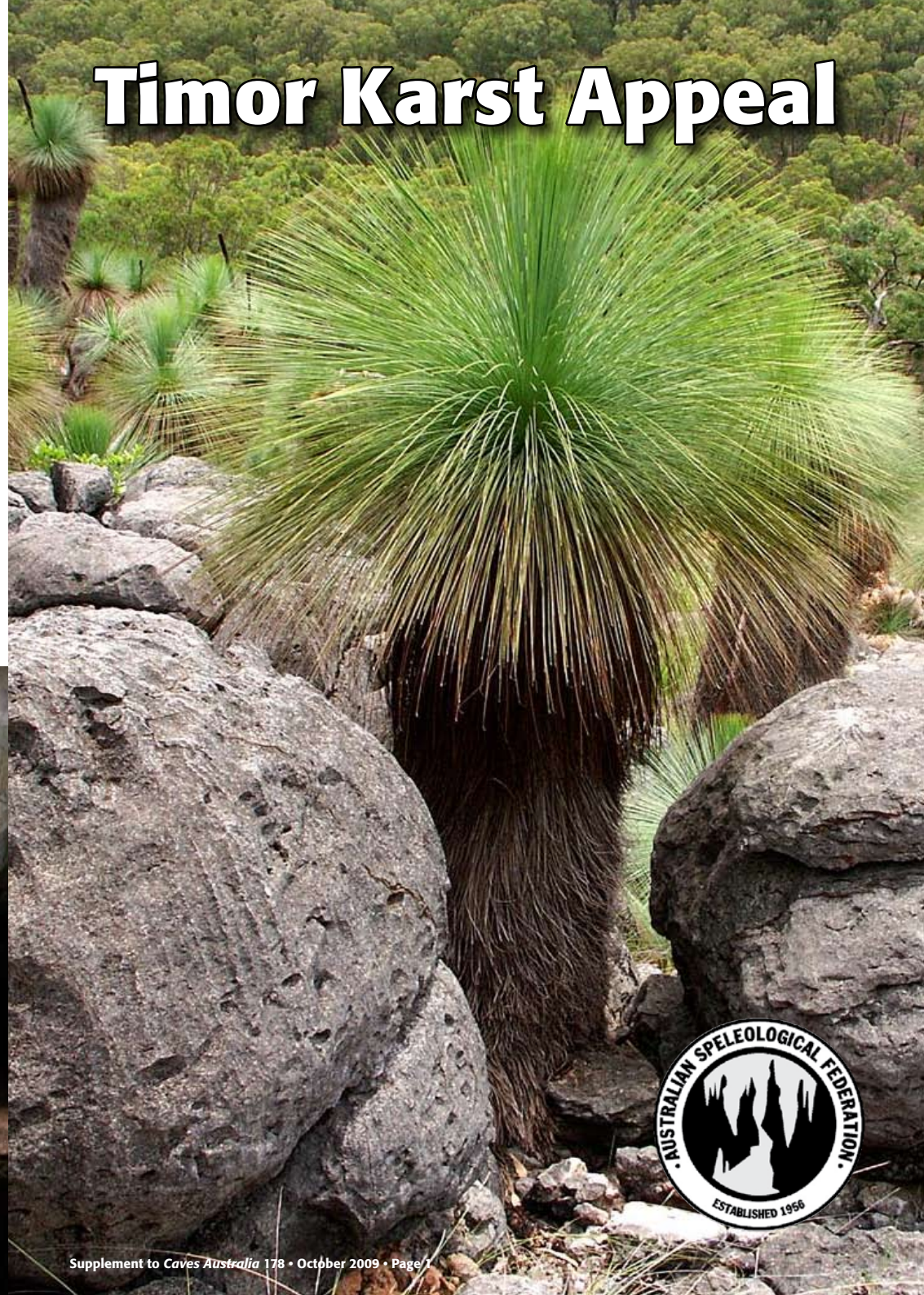
## For further information:

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# Timor Karst Appeal



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## Help!

We urgently need your financial support.  
We need over \$20,000 for this important and urgent conservation issue.

## WHY?

The local council has approved a huge new mine in the same limestone block at, and near Timor Caves in the Upper Hunter region, NSW. Operating 6 days a week for 30 years, the mine will extract about 2.4 million tonnes, leaving a hole equivalent to 200m wide, 200m long and 25m deep.

Newcastle and Hunter Valley Speleological Society Inc (NHVSS) has lodged an objection in the Land and Environment Court. The case will run for 10 days commencing 30 November 2009.

The basis for objection is that:

- The assessment of karst in the Environmental Impact Statement was grossly inadequate
- The development will damage hydrology and underground ecosystems over a wide area
- Vegetation communities, listed as threatened, are at risk

The Environmental Defender's Office is representing NHVSS with the support of lawyers who are ASF members acting without charge, but other expenses, including the essential, top-quality expert witnesses, have to be paid by the club.

ASF Inc and the ASF Gift Fund have offered financial support for the case but this will deplete our reserves, will probably not be enough anyway, and more is needed urgently.

Further information is available at [www.NHVSS.org.au](http://www.NHVSS.org.au) (which includes a note on possible hypogene cave systems in the lease area) and at [www.caves.org.au](http://www.caves.org.au) and in *Caves Australia* #178.

**We need: 30 donations of \$200; 50 of \$100; 100 of \$50; 200 of \$25; and we could use a few of \$500! Your donation is tax-deductible if made through the ASF Gift Fund. Please be one of the 380 donors we need for this important legal challenge – see the donation form opposite.**



## Support the Timor Karst Appeal with a direct donation!

Australian Speleological Federation Inc  
ABN 15 169 919 964  
[www.caves.org.au](http://www.caves.org.au)

### Yes, I would like to support the Timor Karst Appeal

All donations over \$2 are tax deductible

Complete the details below. Receipts will be issued for all donations. To facilitate this and for accurate accounting it is essential that you mail or fax the completed form to:

Timor Karst Appeal C/- Mrs Grace Matts 176 William Street, Bankstown, NSW, 2200  
Fax: Grace Matts (02) 9708 4594

### MY DETAILS

Mr/Ms/Miss/Mrs/Dr \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Postcode \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

### DONATION AMOUNT (please indicate):

\$500  \$200  \$100  \$50  \$25  Other amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

*I wish my donation to be applied to the Timor Karst Appeal*

### PAYMENT METHODS

#### Cheque/Money order

Enclosed is my cheque/money order for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Payable to ASF Gift Fund)

#### Credit Card

Charge my:  Visa  Mastercard

\$500  \$200  \$100  \$50  \$25  Other amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Cardholder's name \_\_\_\_\_

Card no:

Expiry date:   /

Cardholder's signature: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Direct Transfer

Account name ASF Gift Fund at the CBA in Quirindi, NSW  
BSB 062 594 Account No. 28002528

■ Please supply a reference with your payment for easy payment identification eg: TimorSmith, TimorJones etc

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Please indicate whether you are willing to be contacted in the future:

I would like to know more about the Timor challenge:

I would like to know more about helping the ASF Environmental Gift Fund:

I would like to know more about the Australian Speleological Federation:

I would like to know more about caves and speleology:

**Your contribution DOES make a difference – thank you for supporting the Timor Karst Appeal!**