

Eberhard (1994), where it is listed as a 15 m long cave in Table 5.2, and a labelled dot on Rolan's unpublished 'JF-Z cave map' (my term, not his) which is associated with his 1994 report. I didn't find it, but didn't have the map with me so I'm not even sure I was in remotely the right spot. If anyone out there has any recollections or records of this cave then please let me know.

'Twas a pleasant day out and clearly the whole lower

JF36 Growling Swallet

Sump diving and aid climbing

7 February 2015

Alan Jackson

Cavers: David Bardi, Alan Jackson, Andreas Klocker, Michael Packer, Petr Smejkal & Sandy Varin.

This was the second dive attempt in the Dreamtime Sump. Andreas was forward probe this time. Knowing how thrilling waiting for cave drowners is I had my own entertainment package planned. Having seen Andreas kitted up and dragged, kicking and screaming, to the edge of the sump, Pax, Petr and I bumbled up Dreamtime to a spot about 30 m upstream of the main Bloody Smokers connector passage intersection and aid climbed an interesting-looking rift that heads east in the direction of good things. I was keen to trial some new toys from the Hilti Shop – 6 x 45 mm DBZ wedge anchors. Apparently they're all the rage in Europe these

Chriss Road/Dewhurst Road area needs a thorough going over.

Reference

EBERHARD, R. 1994. *Inventory and Management of the Junee River Karst System, Tasmania*. A Report to Forestry Tasmania.

days. They worked superbly (no fiddling round with spanners) and I was soon up the first ~4 m climb, only to be confronted with a second 4 m climb. We scaled the second climb and ten metres later the passage came to an abrupt end. Alas.

While Pax and I climbed, Petr looked skyward and theorised. He climbed back up into the large chamber just back into Bloody Smokers and noted an audible connection between there and us via the continuation of our rift on the western side of the stream passage.

The 'lead' is marked on the TCC Growling map. I've extracted a bit and drawn in our findings in red (see Figure 1).

Meanwhile, the dive didn't go well, with the tight start proving a bit too high on Andreas's discomfort meter. He did get to the far side of the sump pool and 20 m into the sump proper, which is about 40 m further than I'm ever interested in going!

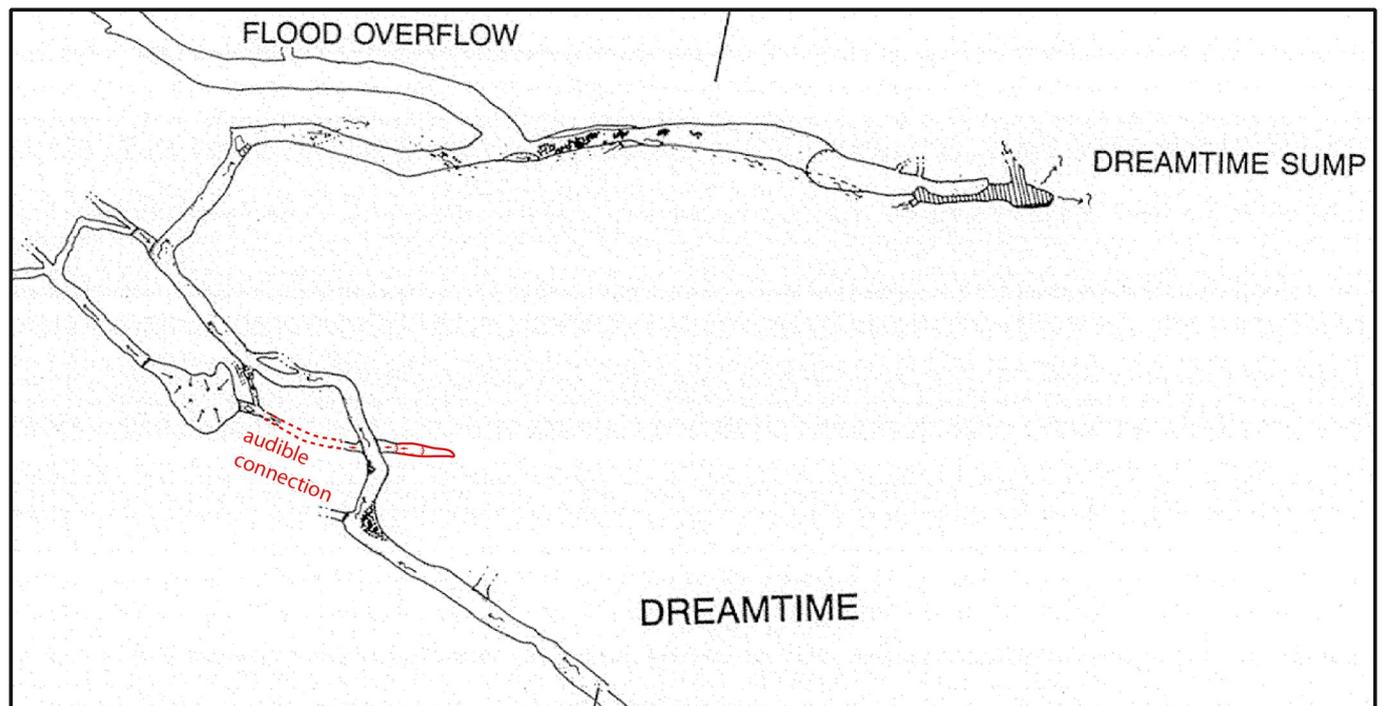


Figure 1. Annotated section of the Growling Swallet map.

JF633 Ring Hole

Ring Hole it is ...

8 February 2015

Andreas Klocker

Cavers: David Bardi, Andreas Klocker & Sandy Varin.

Last August, during a trip with more people than we had surface bashing in the JF for a long time, and apparently with all the hallmarks of a circus (Jackson 2014), David poked his head into a small swallet (err...I should say the size of the entrance was small, definitely not the amount of water entering it) which was likely to be JFX44 Ring Hole. This entrance is now tagged JF633 (Jackson 2014). Returning from this brief adventure (in a very saturated state) David decided it

goes, but he is not sure if it looks like the old sketch of Ring Hole, so a return trip was deemed necessary.

So many months later on a sunny Sunday we returned. This time we were slightly better equipped, all dressed with rain coats over our trogsuits (none of us had PVC suits). Luckily the water level was down compared to the previous trip and the draft was up! So off we went though a few piles of loose rocks and dodgy climbs (some memories from Boulder Jenga suddenly reappeared), testing several different ways on. The first option, following the water, just got smaller and smaller with no draft, but the second option, the 'dry' way, turned into a nice meander which we followed until it too got too small. Nevertheless, it was obvious that this meander is where the draft is coming from! So it was clear that a return trip, involving a game of