



50 000 years old –
Are they cavers?

Cave Rescue in Australia



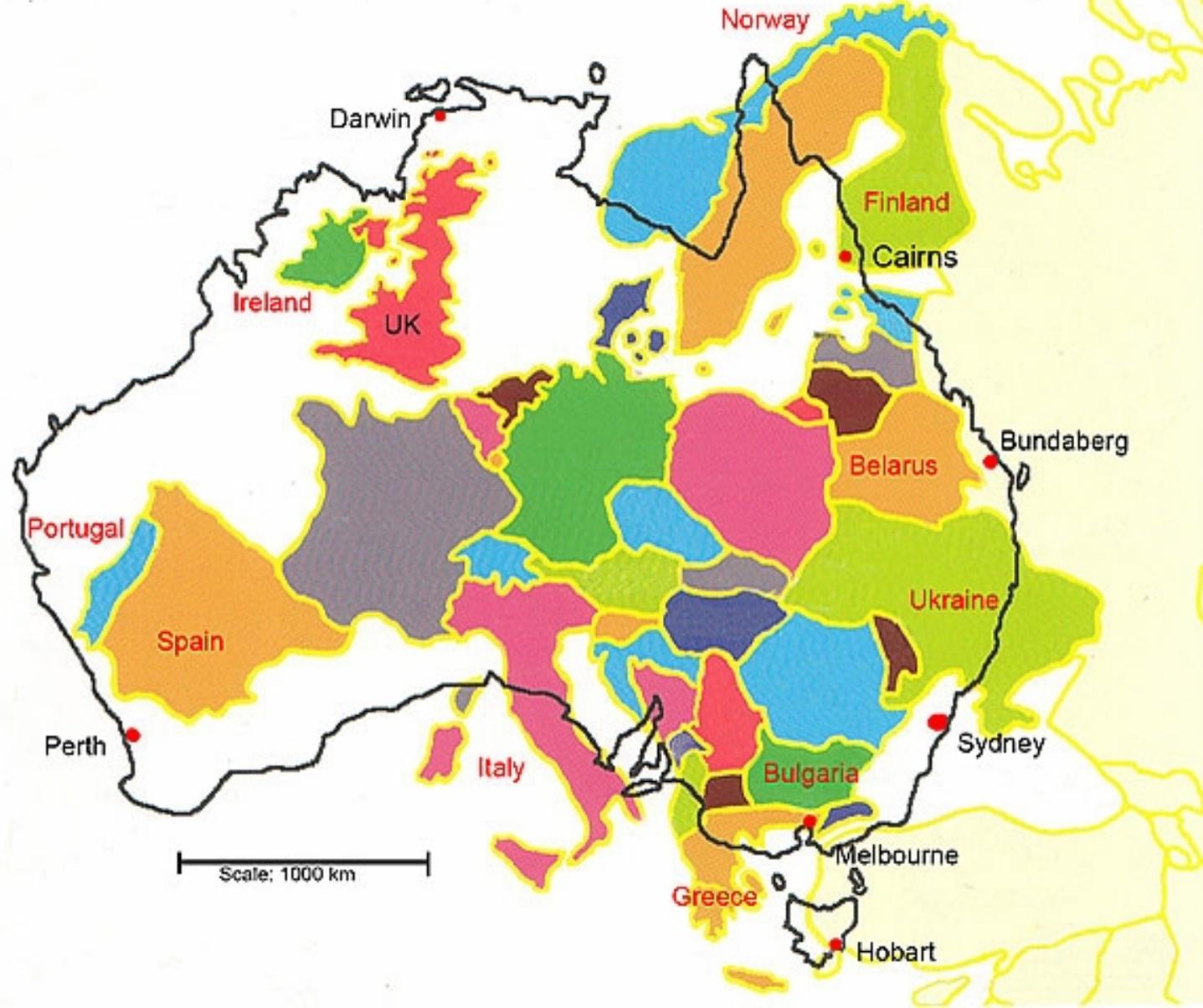
Looking for caves – off the edge of the Nullarbor!



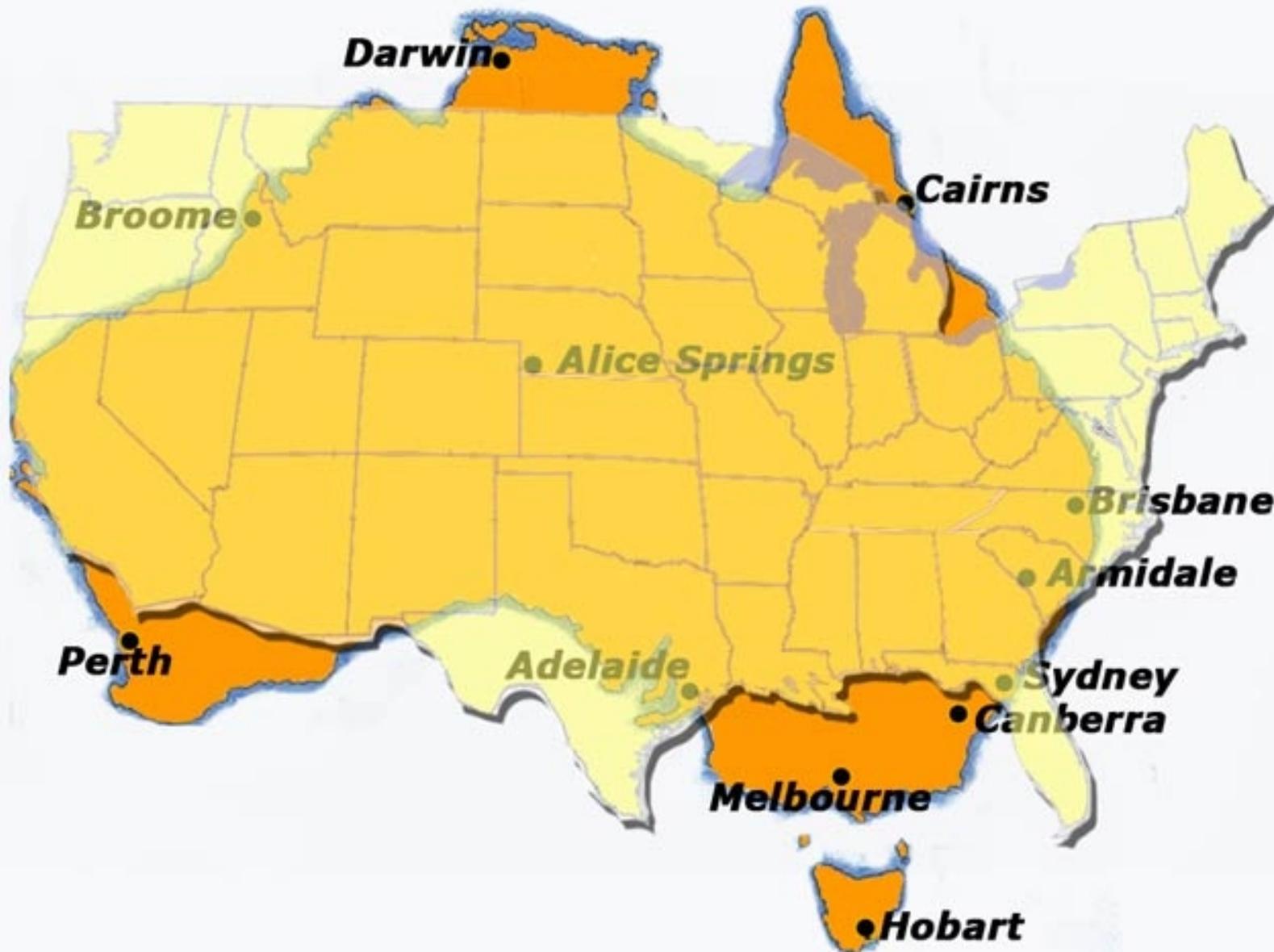
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USA: 339M

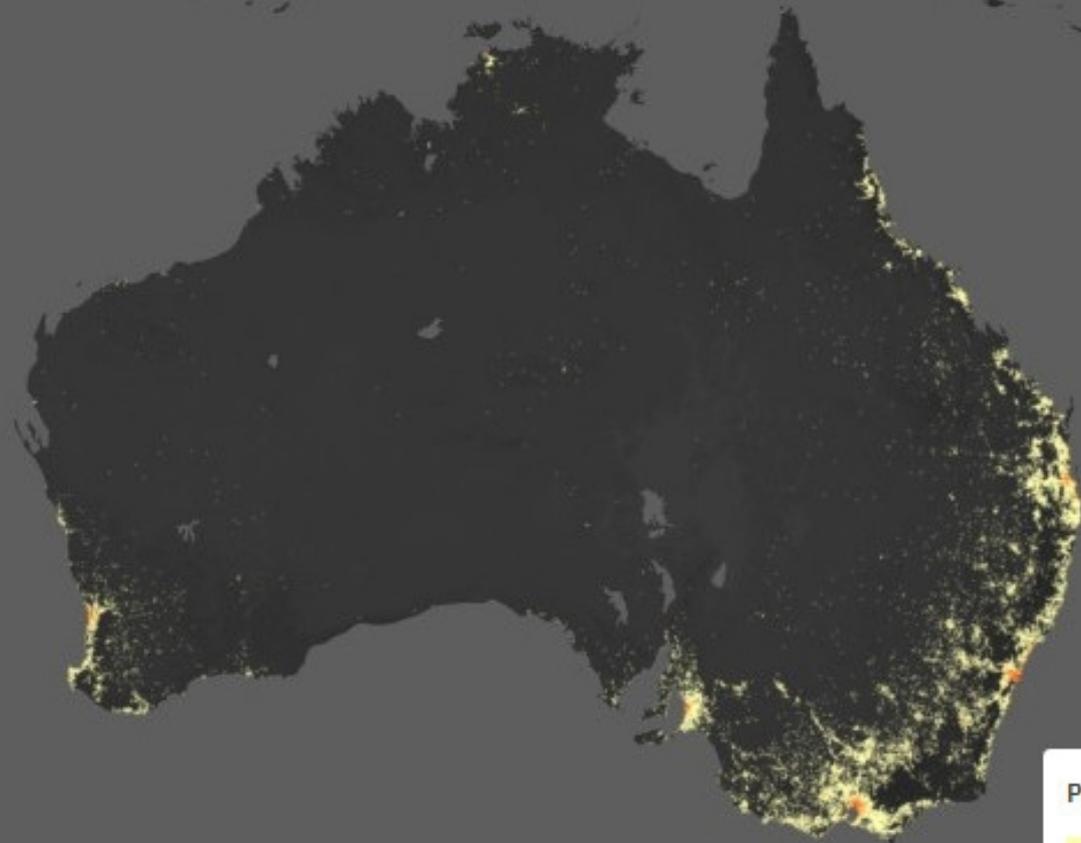
Espana: 47.5M

Italia: 58.9M

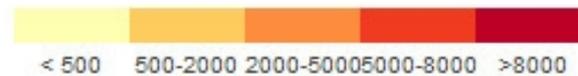
Australia: 26.5M



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Population per km2

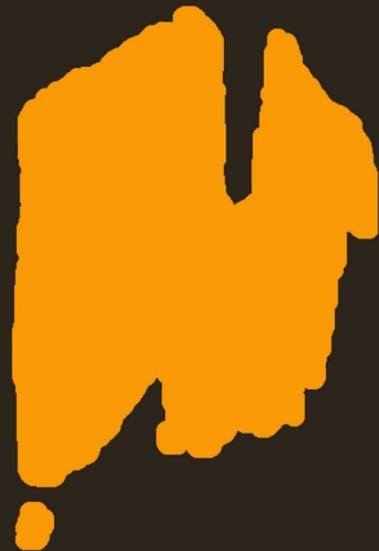
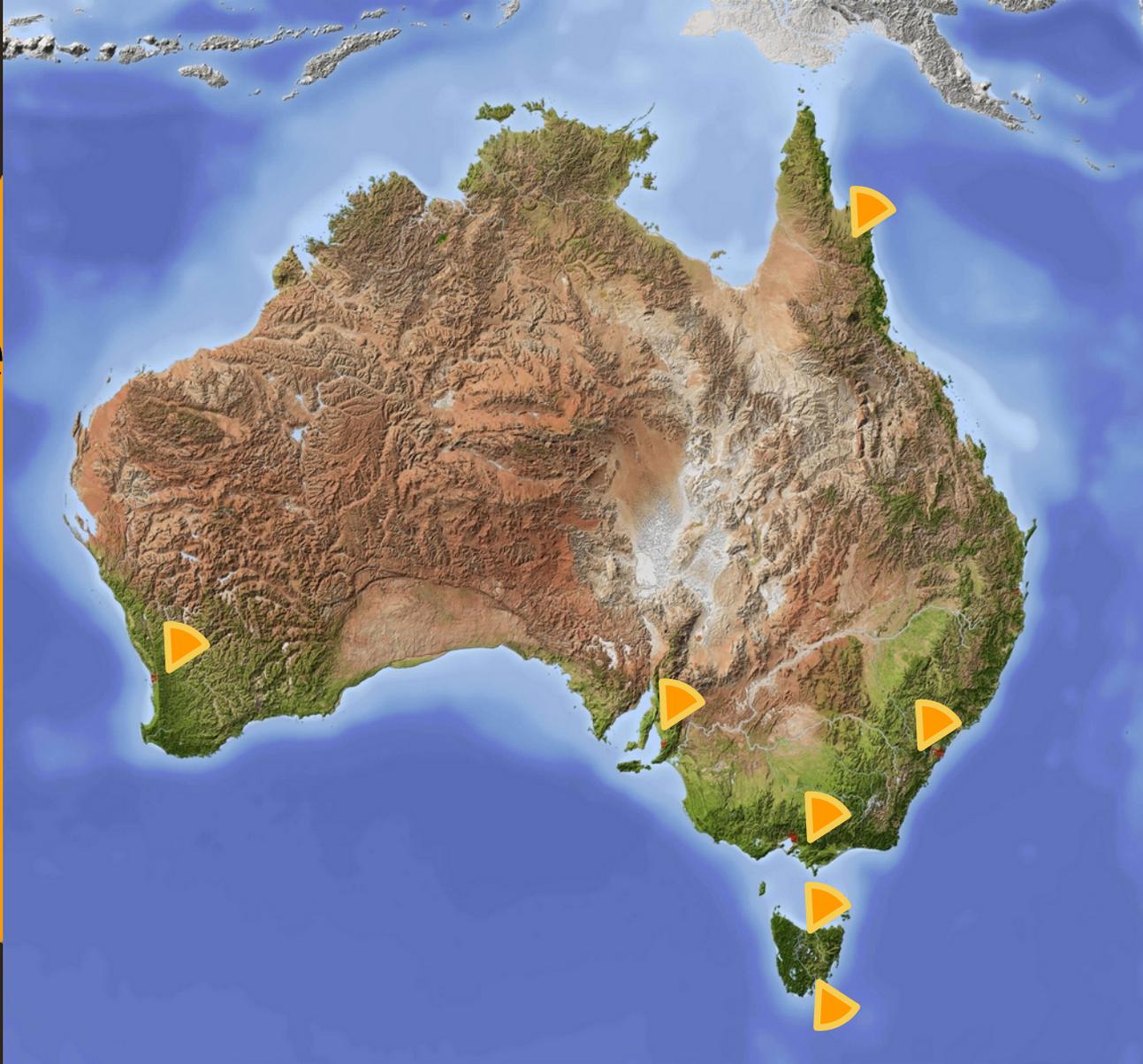


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Cave Rescue Teams



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Issues and Strengths

- ♦ Infrequent callouts
- ♦ Big distances to some areas
- ♦ Adequate funding, though often self-funded
- ♦ Small numbers. Flexibility.
- ♦ We know each other, and train together
- ♦ Media and Government interest
- ♦ Relations with NZ





Thai cave rescuers announced as the Australians of the Year

After 12 boys became trapped in the treacherous Thai caves, two men risked their lives to save them Today, they've become Australians of the Year.

Mike Cook

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Australian of the Year 2019: Thai cave heroes make history



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