



You are invited to a free community education presentation by Australia's renowned Palaeontologist: Dr Stephen Poropat



At Ecolinc Science Centre
17-23 Labilliere Street, Bacchus Marsh
Thursday 16th August
7.00pm – 8.00pm

Registrations: <http://www.ecolinc.vic.edu.au/Scienceweek>

Topic: Australia's Cretaceous Dinosaurs.

Four major areas are currently providing new insights into Australia's Cretaceous dinosaurs, who lived from 145 to 66 million years ago. These are the Dampier Peninsula in Western Australia, the Strzelecki and Otway ranges in Victoria, Lightning Ridge in New South Wales, and the Eromanga Basin in Queensland.

Swinburne University palaeontologist Dr Stephen Poropat has been digging up Australian dinosaur fossils since 2004, and will share his latest exciting findings!

Biography: Stephen Poropat has been passionate about palaeontology ever since he could pronounce the word. He completed a PhD at Monash University in 2011 on mid-Cretaceous ostracods from southeast Brazil. Stephen subsequently moved to Sweden to undertake a postdoctoral research fellowship in vertebrate palaeontology at Uppsala University.

Since 2011 Stephen has been a research associate of the Australian Age of Dinosaurs Natural History Museum, and has worked closely with Museum staff both in the field and behind the scenes. He also worked as a tour guide at Dinosaur Stampede National Monument in 2015. Stephen's research on the sauropod dinosaurs in the Australian Age of Dinosaurs collection is ongoing. His work includes the scientific description and naming of *Savannasaurus elliotorum* in 2016 as well as revisions of *Diamantinasaurus matildae*, *Wintonotitan watti* and *Austrosaurus mckillopi*.

In 2017, Stephen started a postdoctoral fellowship at Swinburne University of Technology in Melbourne, in conjunction with Australian Age of Dinosaurs. Through his research, Stephen hopes to shed light on the evolution of vertebrates in Australasia during the Mesozoic Era, and through public talks he hopes to enhance public understanding of Australian palaeontology and prehistory.

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