



Lecture & Activity Program

ROYAL GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA



BIO-GEOGRAPHICAL QUESTIONS OF LARGE REPTILE DISPERSAL ACROSS AUSTRALIA AND THE SOUTH PACIFIC

Thursday 21st November, 5:30pm.
St Andrews Parish Centre,
43 Church Terrace, Walkerville.

Members and friends are cordially invited to join us in November to hear the fascinating story of two large reptiles, the terrestrial tortoise *Meiolania* and the crocodile *Mekosuchus*. Both are long extinct but primarily known from fossil remains here in Australia. Relating the story of *Meiolania* and *Mekosuchus* will be palaeontologist and well known science communicator, Associate Professor Paul Willis.

Paul's lecture centres on the surprising fact that fossils of these reptiles have also been found on several islands in the South Pacific. This raises the question, did these South Pacific populations develop in isolation over time, or were they dispersed by hitching a ride on rafts or other mechanical means?

Why not join us for what promises to be an entertaining lecture? A gold coin donation for members and students (\$10 for non-members) to help fund our venue would be appreciated. Attendees are welcome to join us for dinner (at own expense) at a local pub after the lecture.

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