



Creation Research News

THE HAWK REPORT from Craig Hawkins in Tasmania is a great place to start this update as Craig shares; 'A tourist accidentally walked into our Tasmanian museum recently. Upon realizing his mistake he stated he was a geologist, as if that were an automatic reason he wouldn't agree with our Noah's Flood Display. I replied we had heaps of fossils in the museum which show things have not changed throughout history'. 'But stromatolites in the oldest rocks PROVE evolution!' he responded. (stromato-lites = layered-things, as in layers of lime built by bacteria). What an opportunity for Craig to share that the oldest stromatolites and the ones still living today are provably stromatolites - they still reproduce after their kind as the Bible said they would, even if you believe they have been on earth for 3 billion years. He walked out when he could have gone inside and seen our museum Stromatolites with his own eyes.

Whether he realized it or not, he had just told us there is no evidence for stromatolite evolution, yet he believed things evolved because he has faith in man's word alone, despite the evidence. Never forget that the God who created Stromatolites says of Himself five times in Isaiah 45 alone, "I am the Lord, and there is no other; there is no God besides Me", telling us that what He says goes. Everything He says in His Word is the truth so don't be surprised the evidence supports it.

Pray for this vital drop-in aspect to our museum work and for the Words of the Lord Jesus to convince and convict. In case you didn't know, they are called Muse-ums because muse means to think, which is the opposite of a-muse-ment which means to not think!

NOW CATCH JOHN MACKAY on Vision Radio. Monday December 12 – 10:30-11:30 (QLD time) with Neil Johnson [LINK](#)

WATCH OUR GLOBAL TEAM on Creation Conversations this Saturday 7am Qld time, UK Friday 9pm, USA Pittsburgh 4pm. So tune in for a great Questions and Answers along with discussion on how Neanderthal Gene discoveries. Please note the original advertised review of Hugh Ross's writings will now be shifted to 2023 [LINK](#)

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QUEENSLAND CATASTROPHIC BURIAL FOR SURE as a six metre long (20ft), and fully intact Elasmosaurus was found in western Queensland. Elasmosaurus has a Plesiosaur like body and is an extinct aquatic reptile with up to 72 bones in its a very long neck. Since you can't slowly bury a decomposing six metre (20ft) long creature with its head still attached to such a skinny elongate neck protruding from a short fat body with squat limbs and tail, the burial was provably rapid and so such covering was either the cause of death or occurred shortly after death. Although the palaeontologists who are studying are unlikely to say so, we repeat this had to be a rapid catastrophic burial. Report in ABC (Australia) news [here](#).

HIGH SCHOOL PHONED the other day for fossil help saying; "30 years ago, you donated many fossils and a big display cabinet to our High School – we are reorganizing and have found that some have lost their ID tags? Can you help us?" So they sent John Mackay pictures of the problem fossils and we got started. Their biggest dilemma was the missing dinosaur poo (coprolite) we had obtained for them some 30 years ago - and good news - we found the pile of petrified poop for them. What a joy when schools will consult us after 30 years. Originally this donation represented a significant investment from Creation Research to get the kids interested. In 1990 cost price values, we basically gave them \$3,000 worth of fossil material and a \$3,000 handmade aluminium display cabinet. Thanks to all who donate to our work and make things like this possible. Continue to donate as it blesses many more than just our ministry.

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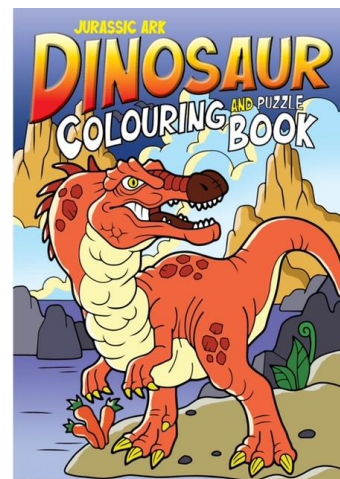
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OPENING TIMES AUSSIE as our HQ office shuts 4pm Wednesday 21st December – and reopens again Tuesday 31st January, which gives all of us a time to have a break during the hottest months of the Aussie year. Jurassic Ark will reopen in January when ever Daryl our Curator is there- Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays. To make a booking contact Daryl mob: 0418 474 792 or email: daryl_brenton@wycliffe.org.au

TASMANIA HOLIDAY Opening Times for the Creation Discovery Centre. Open as normal during the Christmas holidays Monday-Saturdays 10am-3pm. **Closed on** Public Holidays.

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TASSY NEWS: We had a thank you Christmas barbeque for our fantastic volunteers last Saturday and heard some great testimonies from the Creation Discovery Centre including that of two teachers from South Australia who, after going through, took free bibles and were determined to find a church when they got back home. We may never know the full impact the centre has on people, including the many who take photos of the outside information but do not come in, but we will leave that to the work of the Holy Spirit in their lives.

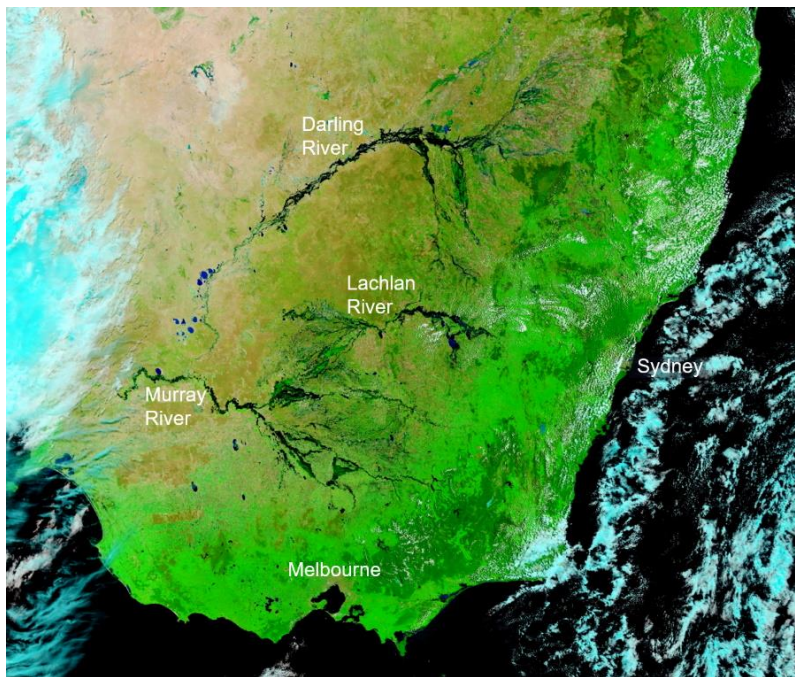


Photo of Burdekin River heights supplied by our soil scientist colleague Dr Glen Wilson. Satellite photo of rivers in south eastern Australian mainland from NASA [Earth Observatory](#) 18 November 2022.

WETTEST YEAR SINCE WHEN? South eastern Australia has just experienced a cold, wet Spring with many rivers in flood following a year of high rainfall. As all extreme weather these days is blamed on man-made climate change, these are not the highest floods on record!

In a report on [ABC News](#) 27 November 2022 Chas Keys, a former deputy director-general of the New South Wales SES explained: “There was a period from about 1949 to about 1956 in which pretty well every river in New South Wales had a genuinely big flood. And some of them had records which haven't been beaten since.” (SES is the State Emergency Service)

ED. COM. This is confirmed by many local flood records, such as the one in the photo above of Burdekin River flood heights over the last 150 years. Just like other weather events, cold wet periods go in cycles, just as was stated by God after Noah’s Flood. See Genesis 8:22.

Climate Change Brings Brolar Bears



NOW AN EVIDENCE UPDATE FROM DIANE EAGER

CLIMATE CHANGE BRINGS BROLAR BEARS as Arctic regions in North America and Russia are warming, brown bears are moving north so they cross paths with polar bears more often. Brown and polar bears can cross breed and produce fertile offspring, now named a “brolar” bear. These hybrid bears are becoming more common and the hybrids are also breeding with brown bears. Scientists are now concerned that polar bears will become extinct from both hybridising and from climate change. Brown bears are considered more adaptable than polar bears as brown bears have a more varied diet. According to an article in Science Alert, “Unlike polar bears which mostly feed on blubber and meat, brown have a super varied diet. They will eat, grass, veg and berries and just about anything they can get their paws on, which means these are likely to better cope with any environmental changes in the future.” The article goes on: “Polar bears are not nearly so adaptable, but perhaps new genes from brown bears could help the species survive in the Arctic. If that's the case, polar bears may still exist in the decades to come, but they'll never be quite the same as before. One day, they could even represent an entirely new species.”

Reference: [Science Alert](#) 17 September 2022

ED. COM. The people who live with polar bears will tell you that polar bears will also eat whatever they can get their paws onto, and a visit to any Zoo in the west will tell you the same. (Check out the Polar Bear pages on Sea World, Queensland, Australia) Nevertheless, a bit of gene mixing may be good for both species, to help them survive and adapt. Note, however, the adaptation that is referred to here is NOT evolution. It is simply the ability to cope with a changes in the environment, but it cannot change the bears into any new kind of animal.

Brown/polar bear hybrids are sometimes called “grolar bears” after the grizzly bear, which is a type of brown bear. Whatever they are named, even if they are classified as a new species they will not have evolved. They are still bears. The fact that polar bears and brown bears can mate and produce fertile offspring indicates they are both part of the one bear kind. The brolar bears have been proven to be able to still mate with brown bears and produce offspring, so classifying them as a new species serves only as a reminder that the classification system is simply a means of organising our knowledge of the living world, and does NOT represent evolution. Even if the distinctive white furred polar bears disappear, their mutant colour loss genes will still be in the bear population, so they could be bred back if anyone wanted to do that. Environmentalists should stop worrying, and let bears do their own thing and practice survival of the fittest, which is a real process but it never makes anything do Darwinian evolution.

Oldest Fossil Brain



OLDEST FOSSIL BRAIN An international team of scientists have studied a fossil Lobopodian, a small extinct arthropod with a segmented trunk and multiple short stubby legs. The fossil has been named *Cardiodictyon catenulum* and is dated as 525 million years old. Using sophisticated scanning techniques researchers were able to identify the creature's brain. Nicholas Strausfeld of University of Arizona, who led the study commented: “To our knowledge, this is the oldest fossilized brain we know of, so far.” The brain had three sections, two associated with head appendages and one associated with the

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front end of its digestive system. The researchers compared the brain with living and fossil arthropods and they also studied patterns of gene expression for forming brains in living arthropods. According to University of Arizona News the researchers concluded “a shared blueprint of brain organization has been maintained from the Cambrian until today.” Franks Hirth of Kings College London, one of the researchers, explained: “By comparing known gene expression patterns in living species we identified a common signature of all brains and how they are formed.” He went on to say: “We realized that each brain domain and its corresponding features are specified by the same combination of genes, irrespective of the species we looked at. This suggested a common genetic ground plan for making a brain.”

References: [University of Arizona](#) 24 November 2022; [Science Alert](#) 28 November 2022; Science 24 November 2022, doi: 10.1126/science.abn6264

ED. COM. If this is the oldest known fossil brain and so similar to present day arthropods it is evidence that arthropod brains have always been brains, and have functioned as such right from the start. Notice the references to processes that involved forward planning – blueprint, genetic ground plan. It is not just enough to have the genes for a brain – it also takes the right gene expression, i.e. which genes are turned on and off, and for how long, and most importantly, which combination of genes must be turned on together. Even though the standard story is that brains evolved by chance random mutations, the actual research shows that forming a brain takes plan and purpose. Genes themselves are information, but there is further layer of information involved in organising genes before a useful structure like a brain, even a simple one possessed by this small invertebrate, can be formed and function in association with other parts of the animal’s body.

This study of fossil and living arthropod brains reveals exactly what you would expect from reading Genesis, which tells us that God made whole fully functioning organisms right from the start, and they have reproduced after their kind with the fully functioning brains ever since, although some, like this lobopodian, have died out.

Useful Links from the Archive: [Lobopodian Walking Cactus](#), [Fossil Brains Change Minds](#), [Flexible Foraging for Polar Bears](#), [Polar Bears were Irish](#), [Wild Grolar Bear](#), [Australian Rainfall Cycles](#), [Remarkable Rain Downunder](#)

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