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Upcoming Events – Joseph Hubbard in Australia! / Brisbane Open Day



Saturday 25th July – Creation Discovery Centre Brisbane. 9 Success Street Acacia Ridge. Open 11am-4pm. To Book: [CLICK HERE](#)

- Sunday 5th July - 9.30am Joseph Hubbard - South Burnett Ministries Proston QLD
- Tuesday 7th July - 7pm Public Meeting -Joseph Hubbard -Toormina Christian Fellowship (Coffs Harbour region) 9 Nariah Cres Toormina NSW 2452

- Wednesday 8th July - 7pm Public Meeting - Joseph Hubbard - Clarence Valley Baptist Church 328 Fry Street Grafton NSW
- Sunday 12th July - 9.30am - Joseph Hubbard - Camira Christian Assembly 90 Old Logan Rd, Camira, QLD 4300
- Wednesday 15th July - 7pm Public Meeting - Joseph Hubbard - Sheffield Baptist Church 104 main Street Sheffield Tasmania
- Sunday 19th July - 10.30am - Joseph Hubbard - Deloraine Gospel Chapel, 46 Parsonage Street Deloraine Tasmania
- Sunday 19th July – 5pm - Joseph Hubbard – The Point Baptist Church Level 1, Shed 1A 200 Flinders St Beauty Point TAS

Do Christians care about the Environment?

Where should Christians stand on the environmental debate? Do Christians even care about the environment? Environmentalist Lynn White Jr in a well-known 1967 article accused Christianity that it: *“insisted that it is God’s will that man exploit nature for his proper ends..... Christianity made it possible to exploit nature in a mood of indifference to the feelings of natural objects.”*¹



White Jr. was apparently alluding to the Dominion mandate that was given to mankind in Genesis.²

“And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.”

His conclusion was that: *“More science and more technology are not going to get us out of the present ecological crisis until we find a new religion or rethink our old one”.*

Christians are often unaware of the accusations levelled against them for the perceived environmental crises, but is indifference and exploitation of nature really a Biblical concept? The dominion mandate certainly elevates humans above other creatures in responsibility for planet earth. We have been given an incredible honour to manage wisely the resources put on this planet. When man was first formed he was put in the garden of Eden to tend it (Gen 2). A garden by definition is a manicured and managed collection of plants but this in no way hints at a mandate to wantonly destroy or abuse creation. Psalm 24 reminds us that the earth is the Lords and everything in it and Colossians 1 that creation was made for Jesus Christ. It follows that the Biblical mandate is that we have an awesome responsibility to care for God’s creation on behalf of Jesus our creator. We are permitted to grow and use resources in a responsible fashion but more than that we tend the garden so that it will remain productive for all people.

The true Christian understanding is that we have the highest calling to care for God’s creation on His behalf. This involves active decision making and while wild areas are important, most of these require oversight to ensure they are not diminished by invasive plants and animals or other natural processes that might impact them.

However, the Christian idea of personal responsibility to the environment has been overtaken by Pagan philosophies and in more recent decades by collectivist ideas seeking wide-ranging controls over all people. Founder of the Australian Greens political party Dr. Bob Brown wrote: “Our imperative is to save ourselves from ourselves by ourselves”³. He admits that: “the idea of responsibility to Earth as our life source and spiritual anchor echoes through modern environmentalism”³. Brown is dismissing the biblical God but identifies a spirituality behind modern environmental motivation.

The pagan roots of modern environmentalism which has morphed into a collectivist mentality of control over the populace may be why Christians have often felt sidelined in the discussion of care for creation. Our high calling through the dominion mandate of Genesis 1 calls us to rise up and do our part in caring for God’s work, reducing pollution, living sustainably and with moderation and thinking of our fellow man in all that we do. Sometimes we may disagree with what exactly is needed but if we all seek God’s will in our lives and His wisdom, he will guide us how best to achieve His aims in creation care.

During our recent ministry trip to South Australia we met some incredible innovative farmers and researchers attempting to do just that as the following article shows.

References:

1. The Historical Roots of Our Environmental Crisis Lynn White Jr. 1967
2. Genesis 1:26
3. Bob Brown ‘Planet Earth’ 2019

Dung Beetle Breeding – God Thought of Everything!

Most of us live our daily lives without giving a thought to creatures like Dung Beetles. Maybe some of you would like to keep it that way given it is a topic you might consider “on the nose”. Yet this group of specialised creatures show us that God has indeed thought of everything. We met up with Australia’s only Dung Beetle breeder Greg Dalton near Strathalbyn South Australia to learn more about these incredible creatures and how good they can be for the environment. Greg has studied, bred and released many thousands of beetles for 24 years.



Left: Male Dung Beetle *Copris hispanis*.

Right: Greg with 1,500 bred *Bubas bubalus*

Various species are kept in special soil boxes with just the right amount of soil moisture and of course a supply of dung. The moisture content is important and is closely monitored. The best beetle for your paddocks can depend on local climate, dung type and soil type and Greg has spent a lot of time researching the best beetle or combination of beetles for different areas.



Greg Dalton next to some of his Dung Beetle breeding boxes

Without Dung Beetles, the buildup of manure on pastures would severely restrict grass growth but not only do the beetles reduce the cover of dung they roll it up and dig tunnels into the soil profile and naturally redistribute the organic matter to where it is most useful deep in the soil. It is a form of natural fertilising. Some species of Dung Beetle transport the dung as deep as 80 centimetres.

Greg says that once established and properly managed, the Dung Beetles can be self-sustained and do not need constant re-introduction. There is an environmental twist here! For those who think that cattle are a major source of carbon emissions think again. Dung beetles actually transfer huge quantities of carbon contained in manure, deeply back into the soils. The soils become a carbon sink and cattle farming can thus be considered a sustainable practice regarding the carbon cycle. There are also potential long term savings from a reduced need to apply fertilisers.

Greg is a passionate believer in Jesus Christ and desires to look for His perfect ways in farm management. His business is called “Creation Care” and is a great example of Christians actively applying the dominion mandate to help care for both people and the environment.

Thanks to our research assistant Huflung Dung.



Holes in manure indicate active Dung Beetles rolling the manure and taking it down tunnels in the soil



Here you can see the replacement of the manure with soil, demonstrating the cycling taking place as a result of Dung Beetle activity.

Saving Endangered Species – Tasmanian Handfish

Romans 8 reveals that all creation is groaning as a result of the curse of sin. While the downhill trend of degeneration, devolution and decay is one that we cannot ultimately control it seems fitting that we attempt to protect the survival of all of God's creatures because of their inherent created majesty. Endangered species reflect the struggle of life in a sin impacted world. Rachelle Hawkins, wife of Craig from



Spotted Handfish

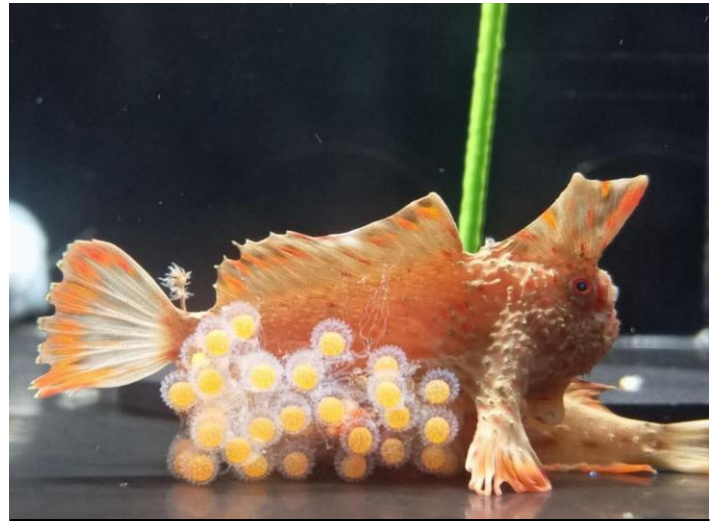
Creation Research, is involved in the research and breeding of two of the world's most endangered fish through their business Seahorse World. She is part of the Threatened Species Recovery Team headed by the CSIRO (Australia's government scientific research organisation) for the Tasmanian Spotted Handfish and Red Handfish. The Spotted Handfish is estimated to have less than 1000 individuals known in the wild and the Red Handfish less than 100 individuals.

Both were once relatively common 50 years ago but have seen dramatic declines with the impacts on their habitat by invasive Pacific Sea Stars and Sea urchins. Sea urchins can be controlled by large Crayfish but the catch of these for human consumption has reduced their numbers and average size and thus overall effectiveness in impacting urchin populations.

Handfish breed by laying eggs on stalked Ascidians but these are consumed by the invasive species and sometimes knocked over by yacht moorings. In response, the recovery team has established thousands of ceramic 'stalks' that cannot be eaten and it is known that these have been used for egg laying by the wild Handfish. Secondly, a captive breeding program has been established to learn the needs of the species and to release individuals back into the wild.

Seahorse World has been successful in breeding both species of Handfish in captivity and was the first to breed from two captive raised Red Handfish parents. There have been some wild releases of animals, but it is too early to determine the success of the program.

Handfish are a part of the broader Angler fish family. It is unclear whether or not they are degenerate forms of the originally created Handfish or Angler fish groups since they do not have a swim bladder like most fish. As a result, they spend most of their time on the seafloor "walking" with their broad pectoral fins – (thus the name Handfish). A CSIRO scientist was once asked by a journalist if they are good examples of fish evolving legs to which the scientist replied, "not at all, they are just fins".



Captive Red Handfish with eggs and ceramic breeding pole



Captive Red Handfish with eggs and showing illicium on forehead typical of the Angler Fish family

So why bother trying to save critically endangered creatures like the Handfish? From a Christian perspective, the simple answer is because they are a special part of God's creation. They contain unique genetic coding designed by the Creator and are of inherent worth to Him. If we have the capacity to care for creation in some way and fail to do so, we are accountable to Him. Furthermore we may also be losing creatures with as yet unknown useful qualities that could benefit all of creation.

MINISTRY NEWS around the World



Joseph in The UK, USA and Australia!

Joseph writes: Thanks for all your prayers regarding my PhD work and poster presentation at a conference in the USA. It went very well, and a lot of interest from fellow peers in science. It never ceases to amaze me, however, how blindly people attach themselves to the assumptions of deep time. The most common comment about my presentation was, “It’s astonishing how this biomaterial has managed to last this long (180 million years)!” Yes, it is indeed – a bit too astonishing! In fact, it is scientifically impossible for collagen to last millions of years, yet many would rather believe this impossibility rather than question the deep time narrative. The words ‘Wilfully ignorant’ spring to mind (2 Peter 3:5).

For those of you interested, see a link to a PDF copy of the poster presentation [HERE](#). Thank you for your support of Creation Research UK, which enables me to continue this research.

While I was over on the west coast of the USA, I was scheduled to fly up to Sacramento to be interviewed by Genesis Apologetics for a new documentary they are working on, dealing with soft tissue in fossil bones. What was supposed to be a whole day of filming didn’t quite turn out as expected. My early morning flight got cancelled, and rescheduled for the afternoon, leaving less than 2 hours to film what we could. The LORD blessed our time together though, and they were thrilled with what we were able to capture. It did mean I didn’t get back to my hotel until after midnight and then had to fly the 12 hours back home the next day! With all of that, jet lag has been pretty bad this time around. I would appreciate prayer for rest in the midst of the hectic rush.

If you want to find out more about Genesis Apologetics, you can visit their website [HERE](#).

Shortly after my return to the UK, I travelled to Leicester, where I spoke at a church conference on the Saturday, before heading to London, and then Australia on the Monday. I’ve been looking forward to seeing my friend, mentor, teacher, and father figure John Mackay for the first time since 2019. We will be working on research together, preparing film, and much more together, as well as doing ministry throughout Australia, with both John and new CR Australia head, Craig Hawkins. Watch this space! (See Upcoming events in QLD, NSW and Tasmania).

Canada Field Trips with Martin Legemaate



See Martin’s reports and upcoming OPEN DAYS and Field Trips at: [CANADA REPORT](#)

- July 18th, 2026 - Arkona/Hungry Hollow fossil trip.
- Saturday August 15th, 2026. Mineral collecting field trip to the Haliburton and Bancroft area.
- Saturday September 19, 2026 - Niagara Gorge Field Trip

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South Australian Blessings, Research and Ministry

Craig and Derek packed a load of fossils and displays into the BT-50 and crossed Bass Strait on the ferry to do a month of Ministry and research in South Australia over May and June on the Yorke Peninsula, Adelaide, Kangaroo Island and the border region near Victoria. Almost 1000 students were presented to including 3 schools and a homeschool day. Teachers estimated that approximately 600 of the students were from non-Christian backgrounds. Another 1000 people came along at churches and public meetings. Thank you to the many supporters who helped organize the various events.



Homeschool Session Hahndorf

It was fantastic to view the Ediacaran fossils found in South Australia at the South Australian Museum. These are supposed to be amongst the oldest fossils ever found and evidence of evolution prior to the Cambrian explosion. However, a telling sign at one display gave the game away. It read: *“Calculating the age of Flinders Ranges rocks was made more difficult by a general lack of fossils in the area. However, At Ediacara, Reg Sprigg found some of the oldest animals in the world”.*



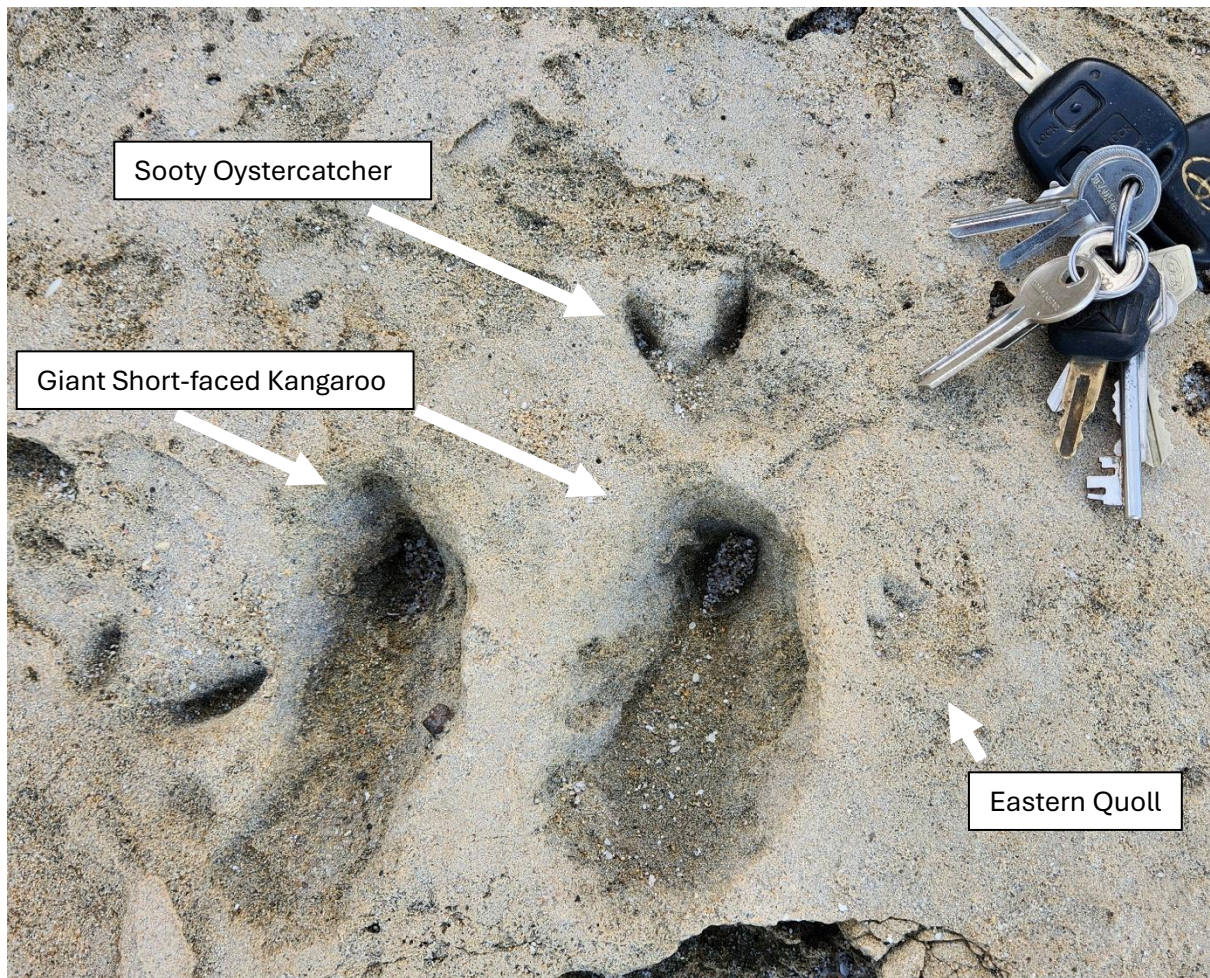
Ediacaran Fossils South Australian Museum

Here is an admission of a few important things.

1. Radiometric dating was clearly not relied on in the dating of the rocks.

2. The Ediacaran rocks clearly do not sit neatly below Cambrian rocks demonstrating that the geological column, which we are all taught in school, does not exist in neat stages like that.
3. It is clear evidence that rock dating is primarily done by finding fossils in them! The ages of rocks are therefore set by a pre-determined worldview in evolution and not evidence that they are actually measurably old or that the creatures found in them ever evolved into something else.

Whilst on Kangaroo Island keen supporter Mark guided us to a number of great sites including one on the south coast which contained hundreds to thousands of animal tracks. We were able to observe many of these tracks which included the giant extinct Wombat called Diprotodon, Tasmanian Devils and Thylacines, birds and other marsupials like Eastern Quolls.



What can we determine from this type of evidence using a Biblical worldview?

One of the interesting things we noticed about the tracks is how the majority of them seemed to



be heading in the same direction, away from the ocean. They have been preserved largely due to initially being covered over with other sediments. It is expected that the tracks now exposed will rapidly erode from the action of waves and sand on them. The picture shows Craig Hawkins pointing to the track layer with the overlaying cliffs behind him. Other evidence helps us build a picture of events within a Biblical framework including the marsupial dominated bone fossils of megafauna in places like the Naracoorte Caves in eastern South Australia which we also visited. These fossil beds include many similar animals to the Kangaroo Island trackways and they were trapped in the extensive cave systems after falling down limestone 'pipes' or in sinkhole collapses and unable to escape. Such events clearly impacted the creatures that dominated Australia in the early

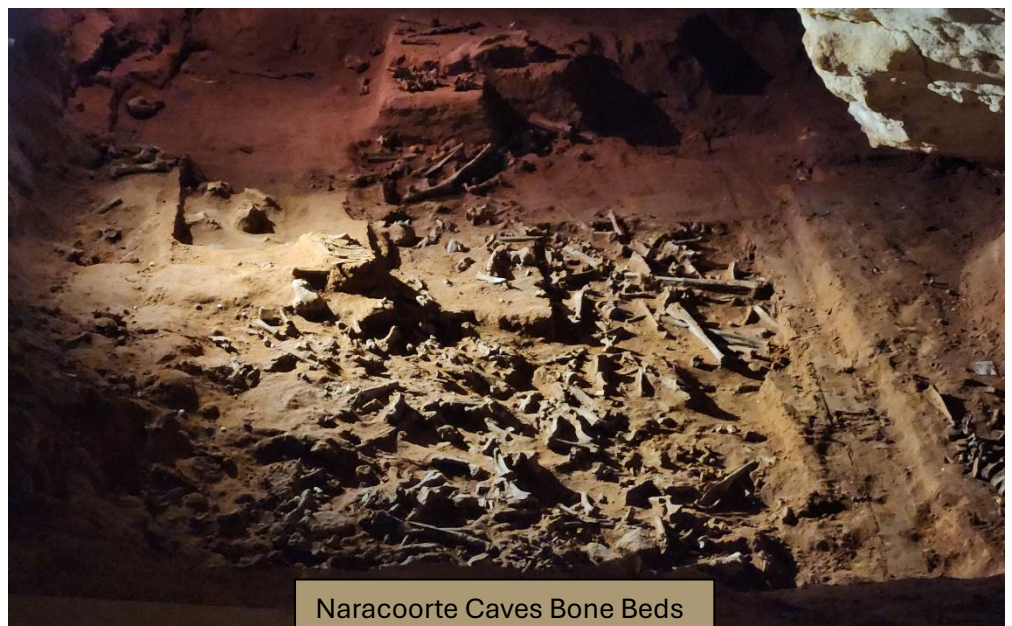


Mass of tracks heading in the same direction away from the ocean

post-flood centuries.

The ground dwelling animals were able to make it to places like Kangaroo Island and Tasmania due to the drop in ocean levels during the ice-age that followed the flood and opened up land bridges across the world. While the ocean levels dropped during the ice-age, even Aboriginal legends suggest that there were also sudden and catastrophic ocean level rises at the end of the ice-age. We

postulate that these tracks may have been formed as part of a hurried retreat to higher ground during this rise. The higher cliffs above the track layers were then formed as part of these events or soon after, possibly reflecting variable ocean levels during these turbulent times.



Naracoorte Caves Bone Beds

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