



We're excited to announce that the **19<sup>th</sup> Conference on Australian Vertebrate Evolution, Palaeontology and Systematics (CAVEPS)** will be held from **24<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> of November 2025** on Karna Yarta at Flinders University in Adelaide, South Australia.

The specific conference venue will be partly dependent on the number of attendees so if you could **fill out a quick poll (link below) before the end of March**, stating whether you plan to attend we'd really appreciate it. SURVEY LINK:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfYSUopkaLLTAve0uHAuQp89G0KvNeDpT38WW2i09blQBROUg/viewform?usp=dialog>

There will be fieldtrip options during the days prior, and following, the main conference (and workshop) sessions, more details to follow soon.



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### CAVEPS LOGO

We are excited to announce that our logo competition winner is Jonathan Cramb. Jon's logo features some iconic South Australian fossil taxa including the plesiosaur *Umoonasaurus desmoscyllus*, the lungfish *Metaceratodus wollastoni*, the echidna *Megalibgwilia owenii*, and the flamingo *Phoeniconotus eyrensis*.

A very big thankyou to all who entered the competition, there were many great high quality and creative entries, and it was a tough choice for the judges to choose just one. We truly appreciate the time and effort that everyone put in for the logo competition.



**CAVEPS 2025**  
**ADELAIDE**  
**KARNA YARTA**



## CONFERENCE

Our schedule is still subject to change, but we expect to have four days of regular conference sessions, and one day allocated for workshops (probably Monday 24<sup>th</sup> November). There will be both pre- and post-conference fieldtrip options offered. We invite you to consider presenting your work on any aspect of vertebrate morphology, phylogeny, systematics, evolution, development, zooarchaeology and palaeoecology, in either oral or poster format (registration and abstract submission portal to follow soon.)

## KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

We have already secured a fantastic line up of Keynote Speakers who will present at the meeting:

- Prof Robin Beck (University of Salford)
- Dr Jacqueline Nguyen (Australian Museum / Flinders University)
- Dr Peter Bishop (Harvard University)
- Mr David Elliott OAM (Australian Age of Dinosaurs)

## WORKSHOPS

Thankyou to all those who have already been in touch about running a workshop at CAVEPS 2025. Due to the level of interest in running workshops, we'll be selecting them in a competitive process.

We would like to formally invite applications for workshops, to be sent to [caveps.palaeo@gmail.com](mailto:caveps.palaeo@gmail.com) by 30/04/2025. Here are some things to consider:

- Workshops should be anywhere from 1-4 hours in length
- They'll be run at the Flinders University Bedford Park campus and we'll have laboratory, classroom, lecture and computer suite spaces potentially available for use. Please include in your application what equipment (if any) you would require to run the workshop.
- Please provide details for how many people your workshop could cater to
- How much will your workshop cost participants?
- Consider teaming up with another colleague to jointly present a workshop if your themes are likely to overlap.



## FIELD TRIPS

We anticipate there to be at least two fieldtrips associated with the 19<sup>th</sup> CAVEPS meeting:

- Pre-conference: a two-day trip to the Naracoorte Caves World Heritage site
- Post conference: a multiday visit spanning the late Oligocene Lake Pinpa site to the Ediacaran Hills at Nilpena, including a journey through time in Brachina Gorge of the beautiful and iconic Flinders Ranges.

However, if you have an idea for a fieldtrip that you wish to recommend for consideration, please get in touch with us at [caveps.palaeo@gmail.com](mailto:caveps.palaeo@gmail.com)

## SPONSORSHIP & AUCTION DONATIONS

We invite you to consider sponsorship of our event. We have a tiered system of sponsorship, with donations ranging from \$500-\$2500, but also would appreciate other and/or minor donations which can be made. Please get in touch for a sponsorship form should you be interested in supporting us.

The CAVEPS auction is a treasured tradition that has provided much entertainment but, most importantly, has helped contribute to keeping down registration costs and providing student travel scholarships. We'd like to see the CAVEPS 2025 auction be the biggest and best ever (despite some serious past competition). The auction relies on donations, and we'd encourage everyone to think about items that they could donate. Suggestions include reprints, monographs or textbooks, artwork, fossil casts or really anything (legal) with a palaeontology theme! If you have items you'd like to donate, please contact us at [caveps.palaeo@gmail.com](mailto:caveps.palaeo@gmail.com).



**LASTLY**, in future circulars you can expect more details regarding abstract submissions, the conference program, accommodation, transport and field trip details.

We look forward to seeing you on Kaurna Yarta at Flinders University in Adelaide, South Australia for CAVEPS 2025!

Your CAVEPS 2025 Organising Committee,

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