

Notes on Contributors

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Mike Macphail has 40 years experience (>140 publications) analysing fossil pollen, spores and other plant microfossils such as carbonized particles dinoflagellates to reconstruct past floras, vegetation, environments and landscapes, ranging from the present-day (aerobiology & forensic studies) back into the late Palaeozoic Era c.300 million years ago (basin studies, petroleum exploration and hydrogeology). Preferred research areas are the evolution of the natural landscape during the Jurassic to Tertiary Periods (Australia-wide), the development of pollen and spore-based palynostratigraphies to date and correlate Late Cretaceous to Middle Quaternary continental sequences, and the interaction between climatic change and human activity over the last 20,000 years in southern mainland Australia and Tasmania. Fossil pollen and spores preserved in historical archaeological contexts extend these interests into investigating the role of Europeans as the most recent of the many historic factors reshaping the Australian landscape. He operates run a palynostratigraphic consultancy and is a Visiting Fellow in the Department of Archaeology & Natural History, Research School of Pacific and Asian Studies, Australian National University (Canberra).

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