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# Burra Megafauna Revisted

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The Burra region is home to a range of fossil material – enough to excite the palaeontology community.

During Palaeontology Week 2011 at the South Australian Museum, another rendition of Professor Flint's *I Wanna Be A Palaeontologist* allowed some brief respite from the crowds to check out some of the displays.

As I admired the exceptionally preserved Burra Diprotodon, Dr Aaron Camens came over and shared some of his experiences excavating the region. At the mention of Dippy, Prof Rod Wells' ears quickly perked up, and plans quickly fell into motion for a Flinders University Palaeontology Society (FUPS) trip to see the Redbanks, and if any new material was being exposed.

In preparations for the trip, it was discovered that an additional site on private property was also highly fossiliferous. Part of a femur had been sent to the South Australian Museum from that site, adding further reasons for the trip.
As the organising continued, the crew boomed to over 20 (I stopped counting) including researchers from Flinders University, SA Museum staff, a visiting Texan palaeontologist, Burra locals and a cross section of the palaeo society, including signups from the Palaeontology Week event.

The crew was split in two; one group was sent to Burra to look for further exposures while the second group canvassed the new site. Impetus was placed on quality documentation, with coordinates and in situ identification taken for all finds. A range of material was found including species previously unknown to the region and a partial skeleton at the new site offering many prospects for future trips and further collaboration between the FUPS and the South Australian Museum.



Image above: Dr Aaron Camens (FUPS) and Mary-Anne Binnie (SA Museum) at Collinsville Station, Burra. Image: Nathan Phillips.

Image left: Prof Rod Wells (centre) and company, Collinsville Station, Burra. Image: Mary-Anne Binnie.