

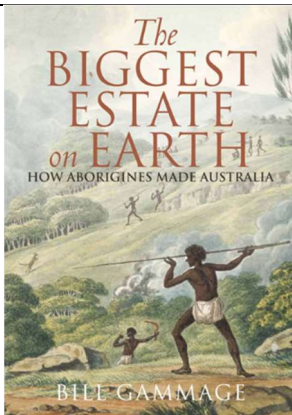


FRIDAY ENVIRONMENT FORUM

NPA Environment Centre

September 2, 2016

Stories of Indigenous Culture

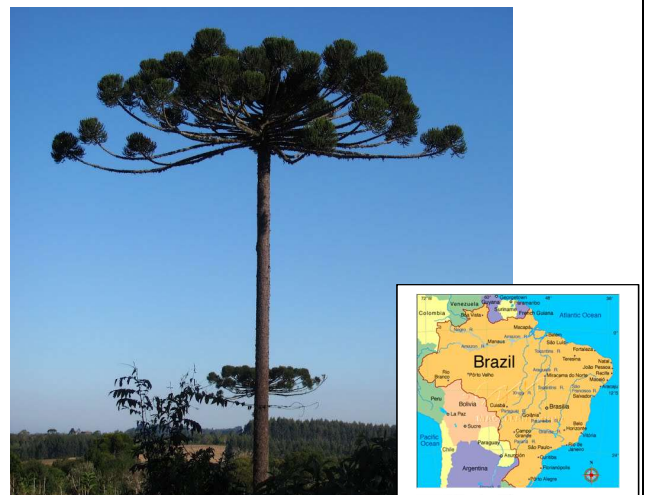
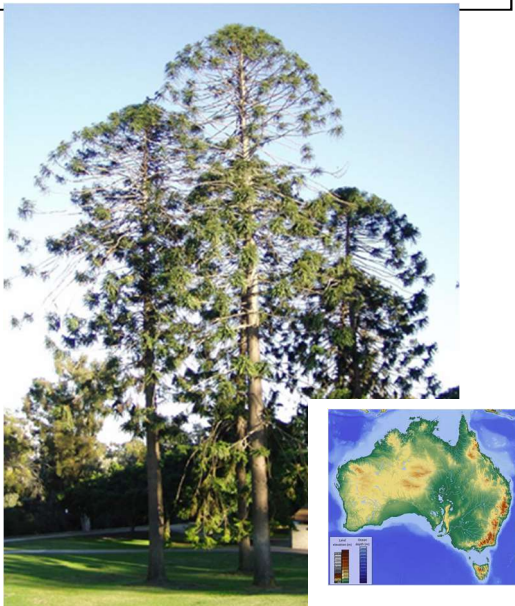


This week there are two separate talks on indigenous culture. The forum starts at 10.30am with a short talk by Rod Jamieson discussing the Bill Gammage book “**The Biggest Estate on Earth – How aborigines made Australia**”.

This is followed by visiting scholar **Alan Ripoll**, who is currently based at University of the Sunshine Coast. Alan is from Brazil and he is here looking at similarities between some of the indigenous cultures in Brazil and Australia.

Alan’s study consists of a comparison between two different groups - the aboriginal Australians of south-east Queensland and the Polish immigrant descendants of Curitiba, southern Brazil specifically with reference to their connection to two species of Araucariaceae – the bunya pine, *Araucaria bidwillii* in Australia and the parana pine, *Araucaria angustifolia* in Brazil. He aims to understand how the use and identification of the Araucaria have developed similarly, even though the development occurred in different countries.

Bunya pine - *Araucaria bidwillii*



Parana pine - *Araucaria angustifolia*

Based on the studies conducted by Petrie in 1904 in the Blackall Range hinterland area of the Sunshine Coast, and Wachowicz in 1974 of Polish immigrant settlements in the Curitiba Metropolitan Area, a further aim is to observe how some aspects of nutrition, local culture, identity and social organisation developed in both places.

Come along this Friday, September 2 to hear more about this fascinating research at the **Noosa Parks Association Environment Centre, 5 Wallace Drive Noosaville.**

Coffee is available from 10am. For more information visit www.noosaparks.org.au

Join Valda for bird interpretation in Wallace Park which starts at 8.30am in the carpark.