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A New Partnership, William Roe, 1994

Knut Dahl in the West Kimberley

Wednesday 26th June 2019

Venue: UNDA NDB11-101

12:30pm – 1:30pm

Presenters: Stephen Muecke, Dan Sherrell & Robyn Wells

Abstract

Dahl, a young Norwegian naturalist, arrived in Broome in 1895, and left a valuable legacy for local history and for environmental history in his 1926 book, *In Savage Australia.* In this talk we explore the reasons for Dahl's visit, the ecology of the country around Hill Station at the turn of the century, and what that can tell us about attitudes to the environment, then and now. His observations can be cross-referenced to those of Paddy Roe, Joss Harman and others.

Biographies

Stephen Muecke

Stephen Muecke is Jury Chair of English Language and Literature in the School of Humanities at the University of Adelaide. He is writing a third book with Paddy Roe called The Children's Country.

Dan Sherrell

Dan Sherrell is in Australia on a Fulbright scholarship to complete a book on climate change, grief, and fatherhood. He previously organized campaigns in New York City and State to pass legislation mandating a just transition to renewable energy.

Robyn Wells

Robyn Wells is a Broome historian who has worked on many aspects of local history, including the history of dinosaur fossil discovery.

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