Sprigg, Glaessner and Wade

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1946 Reg Sprigg after a concerted effort finds the first fossils and publishes in 1947 and 1949

At 1947 ANZASS Reg shows ‘jellyfish’ to Glaessner & Teichert - both first doubt organic origin but Teichert gives Reg advice and joins him in the field

Understanding the importance Reg sends a letter to ‘Nature’ Oct. 15th 1947 - rejected!

1957 amateurs Hans Mincham & Ben Flounders’ finds go to Glaessner

With Univ. Adelaide student Brian Daily in 1957 Glaessner starts to take interest - blitzes the ‘top’ journals

Later in life, Reg uses his ‘oil wealth’ to buy a Flinders Range wildlife reserve

Sprigg’s drawings from his book Geology is Fun

Dr Mary Wade then a Demonstrator at UA goes on to write many papers in 60s to 70s following their 2 joint works

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School’s Cradle of Life diagram neglects Reg

Ediacara section and site from Selden & Nudds 2004

1984 Glaessner’s ‘Dawn of Animal Life’ – 2nd edition planned but did not come to fruition

Compare contemporary restorations

Scientific American 1961

Sirenian's Cradle of Life

Sprigg 1940s

Robert Allen QM with Mary 1980s for Glaessner cover

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