



A first meeting of the **Deep Time Down Under Regional Group** was held on Saturday, June 13 with five Australians present, two others expressing interest. The DTN director, Jennifer Morgan welcomed us.

We paid our respects to indigenous elders and expressed gratitude for the heritage they bring to us and share with us. We introduced ourselves to each other and placed ourselves on the land naming the ancient custodians of each place.

In search of contact with others closer to her than the US, Di Shearer initiated conversation with Jennifer and after months of aspiring to have this meeting happen, we finally made it. Di reviewed the deep questions relating to where we come from, where we are going and how we 'be' and 'belong' in the going. She added a further question for this conversation: How do we connect as a region, within the website and its groups and events as well as nationally in virtual groups such as this?

We reviewed the Deep Time Perspective reflectively, our largest contexts, our matrix earth, our transformation into larger identities, our guides for action in creating the future and our learning continuum through life.

Di used the analogy of giants and ants. Who are the giants who had introduced us to a Deep Time Perspective, the lineages and the individuals who inspire us? How are we the ants that often carry a load as big as ourselves and feel sometimes insignificant in our work?

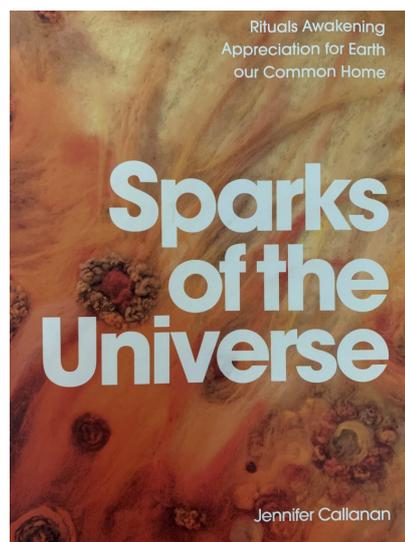
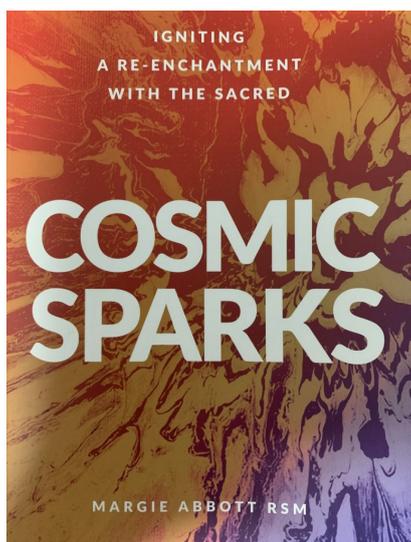
Jennifer's list began with Genesis Farm and Maria Montessori. She, with all of us, named Thomas Berry (The New Story) and Brian Swimme (The Universe Story, Journey of the Universe). We listed these lineages along with Big History (David Christian), Systems Theory (Fritjof Capra), Science Based Gaia Theory (Ilia Prigogine) and Environmental Evolution. We marvelled at the inter-relationship of all that DTN brings together under Jennifer's skilful and passionate creativity.

Each participant told the story of their finding their way into and living within a Deep Time Perspective. Common to the stories was growing into a new consciousness, an ongoing growth through decades of our lives and still today. We valued the opportunity to learn of each other's journeys and from each other's insights.

Other names mentioned were Diarmuid O'Murchu, Miriam McGillis, Larry Edwards, Trevor Parton, Leonard Sheehan, Robert Seaborn, Rudolf Steiner, Matthew Fox, Joyce Bleby, Jean Houston, Donald Gelpi, Daryl Reanney, Connie Barlow, Starhawk, Ken Wilber, Ilia Delio, Kathleen Duffy, Mary Evelyn Tucker, John Grim, Pope Francis and Pierre Teilhard de Chardin.

One key quote that remains pertinent was that of David Attenborough. “No one will protect what they don't care about; and no one will care about what they have never experienced.”

Then we moved on to be introduced to the two books recently published and launched by two of our regional members: Margie Abbott's *Cosmic Sparks* (Coventry Press) and Jen Callanan's *Sparks of the Universe* (Coventry Press).



We listened to the speech given by Anne Boyd at the launch of these two books which is available in two parts with the speech available at 19 mins in the first vimeo:

'Cosmic Sparks' by Margie Abbott and 'Sparks of the Universe' by Jennifer Callanan

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6WMz8tYojtY&t=115s>

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Margie Abbot called attention to Glenys Livingstone's book *PaGaian Cosmology* (iUniverse 2005), which has been influential in her work and referred to in her book. Glenys gave details of her website (<https://pagaian.org>) where her book and other related resources are freely available.

We resolved to meet again and look forward to growing the group of the DTN Down Under Ant Colony. We are observers and listeners: mystics, scientists, poets, musicians, educators, learners and other wisdom figures who are awakening to the interconnectedness of all things. Deity for us is not distant but mysteriously embedded in the earth from which we come.

You are welcome to be in touch as we plan an equinox event when we come out of our hibernation through winter and welcome the energies of spring.

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