

Age of Fauna

The above assemblage of fossils indicates a late Middle Cambrian age in the range from the Ptychagnostus nathorsti Zone to about the Lejopyge laevigata II Zone, or in terms of the Australian stage names from Undillan to mid-Boomerangian. This age range of the MAC 20 fauna is shown on the accompanying correlation chart which is from page 75 of the recent "Geology and Mineral Resources of Tasmania". For comparative purposes I have also put on the age of the fauna from the Cradle Mountain Link Road. As shown the MAC 20 fauna is older than the Link Road fauna, but is about the same age as or possibly slightly younger than the fauna in the Que River Beds from near the Que River Bridge on the Murchison Highway. There is a little uncertainty in comparing the ages of the faunas in the limestone boulders with the fauna of the Que River Beds. The reason for this is that the fauna from the Que River Beds represents an open ocean cosmopolitan fauna whereas the fauna in the limestone boulders represents a shallow water and more endemic fauna. There are no genera in common between the faunas

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