

# ***Timeline Event Cards – Please print and cut out***

## **200 Million Years Ago**

Dinosaur species, such as *Rhoetosaurus brownei* (similar to a Brontosaurus) munched on Wollemi Pines all over the land of Australia.

## **150 Million Years Ago**

Sea levels rose and central Australia was submerged by a vast inland sea. At this time, southern and central Queensland were a series of islands in this inland sea. It is believed that the fossils found were dead dinosaurs washed into these seas during floods.

## **100 Million Years Ago**

Volcanic activity along the north lifted Australia in the east, and the huge inland sea dried up. The sea was replaced by vast floodplains that provided an ideal habitat for sauropods and other dinosaurs.

## **Fifty Million Years Ago**

The forests were cooler and water still covered much of the country with lakes, rivers and swamps. Great lush forests fed and protected large numbers of animals that were dependent on it for food and shelter. Where desert and arid conditions exist now the country might have looked more like today's tropical Queensland rainforest.

## **20 Million Years Ago**

About 10 million years ago Australia began to dry out as it slowly drifted further north. Rainforests gave way to open woodlands that could occasionally experience drought conditions.

## **10 Million Years Ago**

Bushfires are more common, as parts of Australia become more and more savannah like.

## **5 Million Years Ago**

Australia's climate was warm and wet but soon began to dry again. Ancestors of our current marsupial species like wallabies, were evolving in Australia.

## **NOW**

2019/2020 Bushfires: National Parks and Wildlife Service commenced a massive operation, getting helicoptered in with pumps and hoses. The national parks staff set up pumps to send water from the river to a series of hoses and sprinklers to keep the Wollemi Pines wet while the fire passed through.