



ALLAN WILSON CENTRE

free public talk

Ancient DNA: Secrets from the past



Early forensic and ancient DNA methods could only recover small amounts of DNA information from relatively large quantities of well-preserved tissue. From these humble beginnings, ancient DNA research has now developed into a well-established research field used by biologists, geologists and anthropologists. Recent advances in DNA sequencing methods have led to the retrieval of entire ancient genomes from the extinct New Zealand moa and Egyptian bird mummies. In his talk, Dr Craig Millar will outline this ever-advancing research field and discuss how it has allowed us to unlock some of the best-kept secrets of our recent past.



Dr Craig Millar

Craig is a Principal Investigator in the Allan Wilson Centre and an Associate Professor in the School of Biological Sciences at the University of Auckland. Craig has also worked for Massey University and started his working life as a forensic scientist with the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research.

NELSON: Old St Johns, 320 Hardy Street, Tuesday 26 May, 6pm

QUEENSTOWN: The Rees Conference Centre, 377 Frankton Road, Wednesday 27 May, 5.30pm

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