

# *The chance of a lifetime*



Here is a rare opportunity to have your name (or your family name) immortalised by securing the naming rights to this most handsome snail and at the same time raising much-needed funds for our colleague Simon Hudson. Acquiring the naming rights would mean that your name will be enshrined forever in snail's latinised binomial epithet as well as included in the snail's preferred common name as it will appear in the online Australian Faunal Directory.

This medium-sized to large species (shell diameter 20-30mm) is part of an extensive radiation of woodland snails (*Pallidelix* spp.) occurring in the Central Highlands region of inland Queensland. The main mass of species occur in the sandstone belt incorporating such well known national parks as Carnarvon, Isla Gorge and Robinson Gorge. The type locality of this particular species is the historic Carnarvon Station which is now a Bush Heritage nature conservancy situated west of Mt Moffatt and to the south of Ka Ka Mundi.

An equally historic but little known fact is that the genotype (*Pallidelix greenhilli*) was collected by explorer Sir Thomas Mitchell in the latter part of the 19<sup>th</sup> century from the Expedition Range. So be part of history and become part of history!!

The species will be described by biodiversity scientist and malacologist, Dr John Stanisic (*The Snail Whisperer*) and published in early 2015 in the online journal Zootaxa.

Included in the package is a framed A4-size picture of the snail with the published formal description as well as a professionally mounted shell of the species.