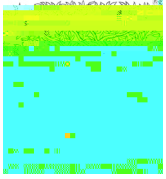

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geographical ranges at odds with predictions based on protoconch morphology, for instance *Stenotrema* species have proportionately large protoconchs, implying direct development with limited means of dispersal, but both species within the genus are distributed across vast geographical distances and bathyal depths (Fig. 1b).

We analyse shell morphology using a landmark-based two-dimensional geometric morphometric approach. Geometric morphometric methods are widely seen as superior to traditional morphological measurements as shape can be compared mathematically while controlling for variation in the size, translation (position) and orientation of objects, and they capture information about two- or three-dimensional arrangements as opposed to simple, one-dimensional linear or angular measurements (Webster and Sheets, 2010; Mitteroecker et al., 2013; Monteiro, 2013; Polly et al., 2013). Geometric morphometric methods are multivariate analyses, which are statistically more powerful and robust than uni- or bivariate approaches conducted using linear measurements (Webster and Sheets, 2010; Polly et al., 2013). With the integration of Kendall's 'shape space' (Kendall, 1984), the methods have a strong theoretical underpinning in mathematics and shape theory (Bookstein, 1995). Geometric morphometric analyses can also reveal unexpected variation that is not obvious to human observers (Webster and Sheets, 2010).

We sample all extant species of *Stenotrema*, *Stenotrema* and *Stenotrema* and analyse shell shape and size variation using a geometric morphometric method. We compare results of this morphological analysis to a

2010). Experimental error during photography and digitisation is unlikely to be a confounding source of variation, based on a previous error study for *Mytilus* (photographic and digitisation error estimated to contribute 1.2% and 0.08% of intraspecific shape variation respectively; [Vaux et al., 2017b](#))

mtDNA and nuclear rDNA trees (Fig. 2). Since this difference might be due to the shorter sequence length and smaller number of variable sites for the rDNA sequence alignment, we examined phylogenetic signal using a splits network, which revealed that the mtDNA sequence provides much better resolution than the rDNA data (Supplementary Figs. 4 and 5).

Figure 3: Morphological variation in shell shape across species.

Two statistically significant PCs of shell shape variation were identified (broken-stick test) for the full dataset sampling all shells of *Strophomena*, *Strophomena* and *Strophomena* species: PC1 (60.6% of variation), and PC2 (14.5%). In the subsampled dataset, principal components 1 (65.6%) and 2 (14.8%) were also significant. Although the remaining PCs overall account for 24.9% of sample variance (19.6% of subsample) in each dataset respectively, any further PC is unlikely to describe biologically meaningful shape variation (Zelditch et al., 2004). The shape variation represented by PC1 and PC2 in the full and subsampled datasets was almost identical (Fig. 3, Supplementary Fig. 8). Principal component 1 appeared to reflect variation in the width of the shell, with change being most obvious in the aperture, last spire whorl and the siphonal canal, whereas PC2 captured variation in the overall height of the spire and aperture (Fig. 3, Supplementary Fig. 8).

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and aperture, and the width of the aperture and the last whorl. These shape traits are already considered in taxonomy (Ponder, 1973; Powell, 1979; Beu and Maxwell, 1990). Without sufficient ecological or behavioural data, it is unclear how differences in these features could be adaptive, although in related buccinid snails, the height of the teleoconch spire is likely influenced by water depth and exposure to wave action (Ponder, 1971).

Overall, naïve model-based analysis of shell shape and size identified clusters that reflected generic classification (Fig. 4, Supplementary Fig. 10). Using the full dataset, models with three or four clusters received high BIC support (Supplementary Fig. 6), which frequently grouped specimens classified as *Strophodont* and *Strophodont* into unique clusters (Fig. 4). Specimens of *Strophodont* species were sometimes present in two or more groups, but mostly remained separate from the other genera (Fig. 4). Cluster analysis of the subsampled dataset produced similar results, and models with three clusters often accurately distinguished each genus (Fig. 4, Supplementary Fig. 10). This result suggests that shell shape and size can be used naïvely to identify separate *Strophodont*, *Strophodont* and *Strophodont*, provided that sampling is approximately even. Unsurprisingly, we resolved the same patterns in shell shape and size identified via the traditional morphological examination of shells, but the cluster analysis accomplished this without reference to location, taxonomy, phylogeny or independent traits such as shell colouration.

Where specimens were classified according to taxonomy, PCA of shell shape indicated that the three genera readily could be distinguished from one another (Fig. 5). Results from the full and subsampled datasets were similar (Fig. 5). Inoflrea

Powell, 1979). Given the sister relationship of *Stomatopoda* and *Stomatopoda* in the genetic data (Fig. 2), and their overlapping extant and fossil ranges (Fig. 1; Ponder, 1973), it is possible that niche partitioning by prey size or water depth could have facilitated ecological sympatric speciation in Australian waters. Cluster analysis of the subsampled dataset did not distinguish species nor subclades within each genus (Supplementary Fig. 10).

The failure to naïvely distinguish any species within *Stomatopoda* and *Stomatopoda* may be due to the limited sampling of these taxa. That said, the consistent placement of *Stomatopoda* in a cluster with *Stomatopoda* (Fig. 4, Supplementary Fig. 10) concurs with recent genetic results that indicated a close evolutionary relationship (Vaux et al., 2017a), despite disagreeing with previous morphologically derived taxonomy that identified *Stomatopoda* as a species of *Stomatopoda* (Powell, 1979). A future investigation focussed on shell shape and size variation in *Stomatopoda* alone, the genus with the most abundant fossil record, might yield PCs that can separate species. However, given the conflicting evidence from mitochondrial and nuclear markers, a morphological analysis y9dy779.26tp[re

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hierarchically nested across models (Fig. 4, Supplementary Fig. 7), but these groupings corresponded with low accuracy to particular subclades or species within *Stomatopoda* (compare Figs. 2 and 4). For example, based on shell shape, the sister species from Australia (*Stomatopoda* and *Stomatopoda*) each cluster with a different New Zealand *Stomatopoda* species (*Stomatopoda* and *Stomatopoda* respectively; Fig. 4). Such groupings may highlight ecological similarity and potential evolutionary convergence, as *Stomatopoda* and *Stomatopoda* are both smaller species that can be found on rocky substrates in shallow water (1–50 m), whereas *Stomatopoda* and *Stomatopoda* are larger and are mostly restricted to soft sediments at greater depths (Ponder, 1973;

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