

STEPHEN PARISH

Stephen William Parish OAM is an Australian. He is a passionate photographer, naturalist, author, educator, public speaker and publisher, connecting people, especially children, to nature, through his emotive, inspirational, life-enhancing images of Australia's unique wildlife, flora, landscapes and places, presented to his audiences through workshops, public talks and publications.

BIG PETE O'REILLY

Big Pete O'Reilly is the founder of Australia's longest running Bird Week and has attended every year since its inception in 1978. He has travelled all over the world, but Big Pete's favourite birding location is still Lamington National Park.

Dr BILL McDONALD

Bill is an Honorary Research Associate at the Queensland Herbarium. He is a leading authority on the flora of South East Queensland and has co-authored several books on the identification of rainforest plants. Bill's expertise will broaden our understanding of the role of birds in the rainforest ecosystem. He is also qualified in Zoology combined with his recent travels to Borneo, Malaysia and soon to New Zealand at the end of Bird Week.

Dr IAN GYNTHYER

Dr Ian Gynther is a Zoologist and works as the Senior Officer in the threatened species unit of the Queensland Environment Department. Ian is an expert on the fauna of Australia but in particular Queensland. Ian has been a leader in over 15 Bird Weeks and has previously led frog, mammal and wildlife weeks. Ian co-authored the comprehensive Guide to Australian Mammals and has been regarded as knowing virtually everything that moves.

GLEN THRELFO

As a guide at O'Reilly's for over 30 years, Glen has intimate knowledge of the ecosystems of the Lamington region. He has produced numerous publications and documentaries that showcase the spectacular flora and fauna of the park. Glen has led nearly every Bird Week (over 30 at least) and guided for O'Reilly's since the inception of Bird Week. He has travelled and filmed far and wide, taking him to Africa, India, Antarctica and much of Australia - particularly the top end. Glen's recent work involves filming Peregrine Falcons in Sydney.

TIM LOW

Tim Low is a biologist and best selling author of seven books. His latest - *Where Song Began* - became the first nature book ever awarded the Australian Book Industry Award for best non-fiction of the year. Tim writes a blog for Australian Geographic magazine and has served on the Australian Environment Ministers Advisory Committee, and written features for a wide range of publications including the *Weekend Australian*, *Wildlife Australia* and *Vogue*. As a teenager he discovered new lizard species, one of which (*Pygmaescincus timlowi*) was named after him.

DUNCAN FOWLER

Duncan Fowler joined O'Reilly's in 2004 and has been birding every day since! He has been involved in 10 annual Bird Weeks and most of the Autumn Bird birding programs. He guides for the O'Reilly's Activities Program on a full-time basis, including private birders sessions. Duncan collates the bird sightings of O'Reilly's summary every two months and is presently coordinating much of the November and Autumn programs.

LUKE FLETCHER

O'Reilly's welcomes Luke to Bird Week as a team leader. Luke joined O'Reilly's in 2014 and has led birding sessions since 2015. He will also be undertaking tours in the local area where he has guided on a full time basis. Luke is co-presenter of O'Reilly's Birds of Prey show and Wildlife Encounter shows and has a passion for Raptors. Luke has travelled to various parts of Australia and has also previously worked at the famous Taronga Zoo in Sydney. Luke also undertakes the specialised private guiding of birders during the year when they visit O'Reilly's.

TIM O'REILLY

Tim O'Reilly is a third-generation family member with over 20 years of guiding experience in Lamington. Tim's qualifications include working at the guesthouse for over 20 years, managing the activities department, collating the Guide to Birds of Lamington booklet, and guiding international birders to the park and surrounds. Tim has been hosting and guiding Bird Weeks since 2000. Tim studied a double degree in Environmental Science and has been birding in Asia, Africa and the UK. Recently he has been involved in environmental programs through 'Wild Mob' and other organisations taking

SPECIAL GUEST

Artist Katherine Castle will set up wildlife paintings during Bird Week, while painting and photographing new subjects for future projects. Katherine has been creating unique works of wildlife art mainly focusing on Australian birds for over 25 years. Each artwork is filled with light and colour, capturing the atmosphere of the scene and the personality of the subject. She works in exquisite fine detail, mainly in oils as well as watercolour, pencil and pastel. Her work is published on books, cards and many other products as well as by Maxwell and Williams on to their fine bone china mugs, plates and placemats which are sold around the world.