



## Forest Weekend Program

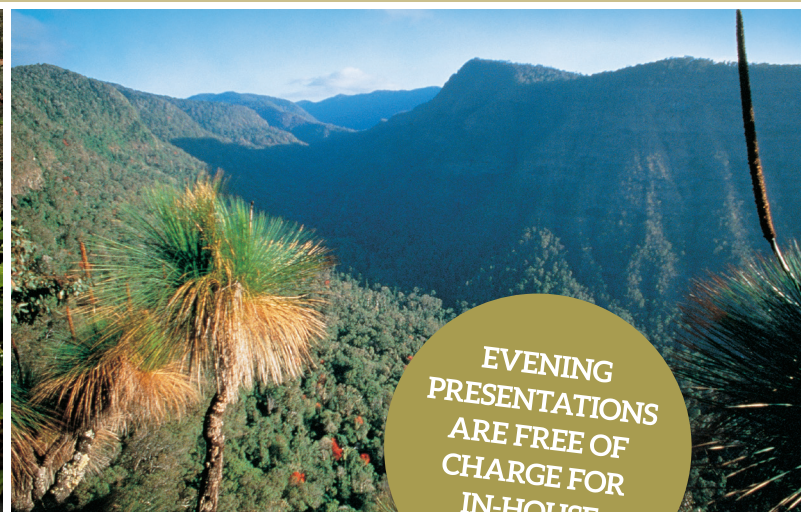
### November 2018

Join our visiting experts for an insight into the intriguing world of the rainforest.

Learn about the natural history of Lamington National Park and its part in the 'Gondwana Rainforest Reserves of Australia' World Heritage site and the fascinating features that warrant its inclusion. Tours and presentations will inform and reveal how amazing the area is.

Local tours will span various forest types and scenic locations. We will be guided with walks, bus tours, workshops and lectures focusing on specialised vegetation highlights, forest types and habitats.

These two days are a must-do for those with an interest in botany, rainforests, ecology and the Mt Warning Volcanic Region. Forest Weekend leads into the annual Birdweek immediately after.



EVENING  
PRESENTATIONS  
ARE FREE OF  
CHARGE FOR  
IN-HOUSE  
GUESTS.

**Special Forest Weekend outings:** \$50 per person, per activity session.

Please call **1800 688 722** or email [reservations@oreillys.com.au](mailto:reservations@oreillys.com.au) to make your booking or if at O'Reilly's you can book for special interest week activities at Reception or the Discovery Centre.

## Forest Weekend Program and Schedule



### Host

#### Peter O'Reilly Senior

As a second generation O'Reilly family member, growing up at O'Reilly's and later managing the guesthouse operations for 40 years; Peter has an extensive knowledge of the plants and wildlife of Lamington National Park and will be attending and supporting the weekend program and Birdweek. In 2002 Peter was awarded the Order of Australia Medal for his work with the Environment and Tourism.

### Leaders

#### Dr Bill McDonald

Bill is an Honorary Research Associate and has been involved as a senior botanist with the Queensland Herbarium. He is a leading authority on the flora of South-East Queensland and has co-authored several plant key guides and rainforest books on the identification of rainforest plants. Recently, Bill produced a digital plant key database. Bill's expertise will broaden our understanding of the habitats of the Lamington National Park area and the role of birds in the rainforest ecosystem. Bill has also been a Birdweek Leader for many years and will join us for this years event as well.



#### Dr Ian Gynther

Ian is a Senior Conservation Officer with the Threatened Species Branch of Queensland's Department of Environment and Heritage Protection (EHP). Ian has a very broad knowledge of Australian fauna, and has been a leader of many wildlife, Mammal, Bird and Frog Weeks at O'Reilly's.

### Friday 9 November

#### 8:00pm Presentation:

Welcome to Forest Weekend in the Theatrette.

**Price: Free of charge for in-house guests**

#### 6:00pm Presentation:

Meet in the theatre again for a special presentation.

**Price: Free of charge for in-house guests**

#### 7:30pm Dinner in Dining Room

### Saturday 10 November

#### 7:30am Breakfast

#### 8:30am Day Activity: "A step back in time"

Return approximately 2:00pm

Meet in the theatrette first for a brief powerpoint [Introduction to the ecology of Lamington National Park](#) explaining all of the variations in the park from Summit to Valley.

The group will then undertake the [Wishing Tree Trail, 1.5km](#) which is mostly downhill with various highlights interpreted along the way to meet a bus at the Red Cedar Tree (Old Slaughterhouse site) on Moran's Creek. The bus will then transfer us a short way to Moonlight Crag.

We will have a packed lunch (ordered prior) at the dramatic Moonlight Crag observation platform and discuss several of the unique features observable from here. There will be an optional return 3hr walk to O'Reilly's via Lyrebird lookout (some rough sections, over and under trees) circumnavigating the Morans Valley to the Border Track via the Old Forestry Camp workers historical site. Lyrebird lookout is notable for Ancient Beech Trees and the *Pittosporum o'reillyanum* and the area is elevated right on the 1000m mark.

**Price: \$50 per person, includes packed lunch**

### Sunday 11 November

#### 7:30am Breakfast

#### 8:30am Morning Activity: "Life on the Edge"

Guided bus trip to Kurrajong Lookout viewing the boundaries between Rainforest and Eucalypt open Forest. Views abound in this area and the tour highlights the changes in forest types again. Return to the Dining Room for Sunday Roast Lunch

**Price: \$50 per person, includes Sunday Roast Lunch**

#### 1:00pm Plant Identification

Finish the forest weekend with a Rainforest plant identification session in the Theatrette/Pavillion.

**Price: Free of charge for in-house guests**

**4:00pm The 41st Annual Birdweek commences in the Theatrette for those attending Birdweek**