



FOREST WEEKEND PROGRAM

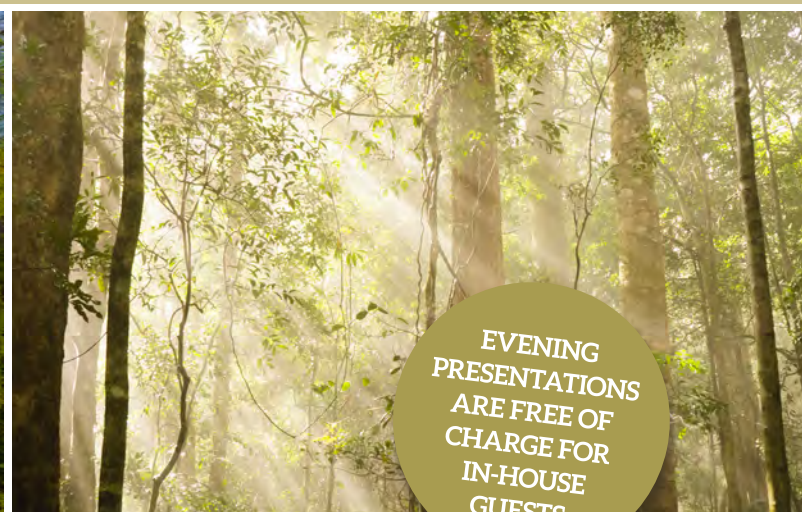
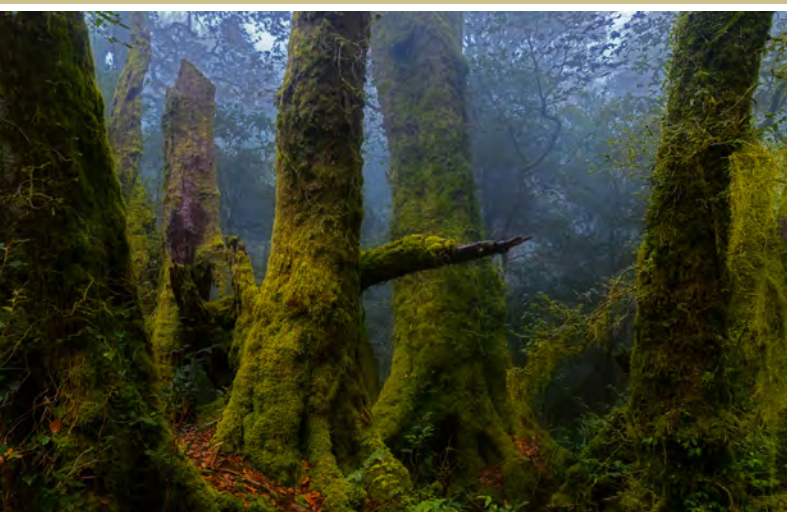
NOVEMBER 2020

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 World Heritage values. This November marks 26 years since the inclusion of the rainforest reserves of the McPherson and Main Ranges in Queensland in the Gondwana Rainforests of Australia World Heritage Area.

Forest Weekend includes presentations and guided walks through a variety of forest habitats and visiting scenic locations. Experience 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 Day Price: \$200 per person - includes all meals

Please call **1800 688 722** or email reservations@oreillys.com.au to make your booking - or if at O'Reilly's, check with Reception/Discovery Centre for individual activity availability and pricing.

Peter O'Reilly Senior - Host - Peter is a second-generation family member who grew up at O'Reillys and later with brother Vince managed the guesthouse operations for 40 years. He has a vast knowledge of the plants and wildlife of Lamington National Park and will be attending and supporting the weekend program and Birdweek.

Dr Bill McDonald - Leader - Bill is an Honorary Research Associate at the Queensland Herbarium, where he spent most of his career before retiring in 2012. One of his first tasks was to survey and map the plant communities of the Gold Coast hinterland, which led to a lifelong interest in rainforest floristics and ecology. He has co-authored a series of publications on rainforest plant identification, culminating in the production of a digital interactive key to trees, shrubs and climbers of eastern Australian rainforests. He hopes to provide a deeper understanding of the plant and animal habitats of Lamington National Park and adjacent World Heritage reserves.

Paula Peeters - Leader - Paula uses imagination, first-hand observations and scientific knowledge to create compelling stories and images of Australian nature. She is a writer, artist and ecologist based in Beechmont, Australia. Her childhood fascination with nature led to a PhD in botany, zoology and ecology. Paula then worked in wildlife conservation for 13 years, managing programs for a wide range of plants, animals and ecosystems in South Australia and Queensland.

Since 2015 Paula has focussed on writing, illustration and teaching nature journaling. She has created and self-published three colouring books (Bimblebox Wonderland, Riverina Grassland Ramblings, and The Southern Bell Frog Story), two books about nature journaling (Make a Date with Nature and Take this Book for a Walk) and a work of fiction for children 8 – 12 years (Stories from the Wild World). Paula's illustrations and nature journaling workshops have been commissioned by a wide range of groups and organisations. Paula's blog and online store can be found at www.paperbarkwriter.com.

Ray Carpenter - Guest Speaker - Ray has a PhD in Plant Science (Palaeobotany) from the University of Tasmania, and has published over 60 papers in scientific journals. He is interested in all aspects of ecosystem evolution in the Southern Hemisphere, and especially the importance of the leaf fossil record over the last 70 million years or so. He has worked on fossil assemblages from across Australia, and also in New Zealand and Patagonia. His focus has been on the iconic family Proteaceae (especially Banksia), but he has also described fossils from a number of other Gondwanan lineages, including several that are still found in the rainforests of Lamington NP.

Friday 6th November

7pm - Dinner and welcome to Forest Weekend - Peter O'Reilly (host)

Saturday 7th November

9am - Nature journaling workshop
with Dr Paula Peeters **OR**

Wishing Tree Trail to Morans Creek - with Bill McDonald - introduction to the cool subtropical rainforest

12pm - Bus to Moonlight Crag for lunch - views of upper Albert River (east branch) and McPherson Range

2pm - 5pm - Return to Guest House with Paula
OR Return via Morans Falls and Centenary Walking Track

6pm - Dr Ray Carpenter

"Plant Fossils and the Gondwana Rainforests"

Saturday 7th November continued

7pm - Dinner in Dining Room

Sunday 8th November

9am - **"Life on the Edge"** - bus trip along Duck Creek Road to Kurrajong Lookout with stops above Luke's Farm and at the boundary between rainforest and eucalypt open forest. Views of Border Ranges, Mt Lindesay and Mt Barney (the Focal Peak volcano).

12:30pm - Lunch

1:30 pm - Introduction to identification of rainforest trees, shrubs and climbers

3:00pm - Forest Weekend concludes

4:00pm - **The 43rd Annual Birdweek commences in the Theatre for those attending Birdweek**