



46TH ANNUAL FOREST WEEKEND

NOVEMBER 3RD - 5TH, 2023

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 29 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: \$275 per person - includes 3 meals (excludes accommodation)

Please call **07 5502 4911** 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.

46th Annual Forest Weekend Program and Schedule

"Patterns and Change in the Rainforest"

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.

Rhonda James (M Env Man) - Guest Speaker

Rhonda is a director of Bush Restoration Services - based at Murwillumbah and operating across north-eastern New South Wales and adjacent south-eastern Queensland.

Her company was established in 2002 and prepares rehabilitation and management plans for plant communities ranging from rainforest to coastal wetlands, as well as for threatened plant species.

The team works at a diversity of sites that are at different stages of restoration, from highly degraded sites requiring reconstruction methods to high conservation value vegetation requiring assisted regeneration methods.

Friday 3rd November

7pm - Dinner and Welcome to Forest Weekend

Saturday 4th November

9am - Wishing Tree Trail to Morans Creek - with Bill McDonald & Rhonda James - Introduction to the cool subtropical rainforest

12:30pm - Bus to Moonlight Crag for Lunch - Views of upper Albert River (East Branch) and the McPherson Range.

2pm - 5pm - Return to Guest House via Morans Falls Lookout, Morans Falls Track and the Centenary Track

6pm - Talk by Ms Rhonda James (M Env Man)

7pm - Dinner

Sunday 5th November

9am - 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

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

3pm - Forest Weekend concludes