



# 48TH ANNUAL FOREST WEEKEND

## OCT 31ST - NOV 2ND, 2025

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

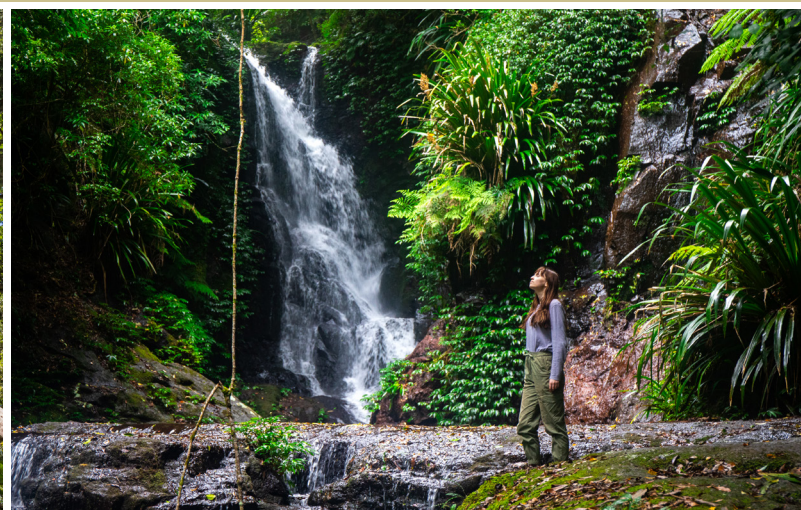
Learn about the natural history of Lamington National Park and its World Heritage values. This November marks 31 years since the inclusion of the rainforest reserves of the McPherson and Main Ranges in Queensland in the Gondwana Rainforests of Australia World Heritage Area.

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 full 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](mailto: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.



## 48th Annual Forest Weekend Program and Schedule

### *"Patterns and Change in the Rainforest"*

#### LEADER - **Dr Bill McDonald**

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 professional tasks, in 1975, was to 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 publication 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.



#### GUEST SPEAKER - **Mr Harry Hines**

Harry is a Senior Ecologist with Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service and an Honorary Research Fellow at the Queensland Museum. He worked extensively on the declining frogs problem and was a member of the team that discovered the amphibian chytrid fungus (*Batrachochytrium dendrobatidis*), now recognised as the cause of many frog declines and extinctions in Australia and globally. Harry is currently involved in the conservation management of various threatened species including Kroombit tinkerfrog, Kroombit treefrog (both critically endangered) and the endangered silver-headed antechinus



He has co-authored more than 70 scientific papers on frogs, amphibian chytrid fungus, birds, mammals and fauna surveys as well as a field guide to the frogs of the wet forests of southeast Queensland, and contributed sections on frogs to several other books. In 2023 he was awarded the Queensland Natural History Award.

#### Friday 31st October

**7pm - Dinner and Welcome to Forest Weekend**

#### Saturday 1st November

**9am - Wishing Tree Trail to Morans Creek** - with Bill McDonald & Harry Hines - 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 Mr. Harry Hines** - "The frogs of eastern Australia's forests: bizarre breeders, newly described species and taxonomic upheaval"

**7pm - Dinner**

#### Sunday 2nd 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**

