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8th Biennial K'gari (Fraser Island) Conference

Community, Culture and Collaborations

This event is a collaboration between the Butchulla Aboriginal Corporation and the Fraser Island Defenders Organisation.

Fraser Coast Campus University of the Sunshine Coast

Saturday 31st August 2019

Keynote speakers: The success of conferences is the result of a lot of promotion and that promotion needs to begin early as does the selection and engagement of a Keynote speaker/s who are good drawcards around which we can help build the promotion.

The two keynote speakers agreed upon who have provisionally accepted are prominent Butchulla actor of national standing, Wayne Blair (*"Redfern"* and other TV series and plays) and producer (the movie *"The Sapphires"*) and leading social psychologist and advocate for wilderness experiences, Steve Biddulf, author of *10 Things Girls Need Most*, *Raising Girls*, *Raising Boys*, *Complete Secrets of Happy Children*, and *The New Manhood*.

It is planned for Saturday 31st August to be held at the Fraser Coast Campus of the University of the Sunshine Coast. The plan is for the conference and cultural festival to run from 9.30 am to 9.30 pm with plenary sessions during the day, followed by a Butchulla cultural celebration from 7.30. It allows out of town guests to join a whale-watching trip before heading home on Sunday.

History of Biennial Fraser Island Conferences

Fraser Island is a World Heritage site that deserving more study because of its Outstanding Universal Value and its fragility. It is a natural laboratory for a wide range of environmental studies. The results of those studies undertaken need to be communicated to the public because better appreciation fosters better care and management. That has remained FIDO's objective in continuing to organize these conferences.

- 7th — 2017 — *Time, Tide & Tourism*, University of the Sunshine Coast
- 6th — 2015 — *Sand, Sea & Sun*, University Sunshine Coast Sippy Downs
- 5th — 2013 — *A Natural Laboratory*, Mt Coot-tha
- 4th — 2011 — *FIDO at 40*, Walkabout Creek, The Gap
- 3rd — 2009 — *Shifting Sands*, Walkabout Creek, The Gap
- 2nd — 2007 — *True Grit*, University Sunshine Coast, Sippy Downs
- 1st — 2004 — *Fraser Island 20-20 Vision*, Noosa