

# ***Time, Tide & Tourism***

## **Program**

### **7<sup>th</sup> Biennial Fraser Island (K'Gari) Conference**

**University of the Sunshine Coast Sippy Downs, Innovations  
Centre**

**Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> August, 2017  
(9.00 am to 5.00 pm)**

*The Conference is to be complementary to scientific Symposium being organized by the University of the Sunshine Coast. This T,T & T conference is targeted at a more general audience of laypersons dealing with issues more in the ordinary citizen's domain.*

**Art work** inspired by the 2016 Bioblitz will be exhibited by the Fraser Coast Regional Artists and Tutors (RATS) will be on display in the Innovations Centre Conference venue.

### **Registration 8.30 to 9.00 am**

**90 minute opening session 9.00am to 10.30 am**

**Chair:** John Sinclair AO, FIDO

**Butchulla welcome to K'Gari Conference** — Malcolm Burns

**Welcome to the University of the Sunshine Coast:** Prof Greg Hill, Vice Chancellor

**Opening** — **Dr John Hookey**, Presiding Commissioner 1975-76 Fraser Island Environmental Inquiry

**Keynote:** Martin Buzacott — *Drawing Artistic Inspiration from the Landscape*

### **Morning Tea - 10.30 — 11.00 am**

**11.00 — 1.00 pm** — A 2 hour session for presentation of papers  
*Five speakers each with 24 minutes for presentations and questions.*

**Chair:** **Dr Kim Walker**, University of the Sunshine Coast

*"K'Gari's New Values Based Management Plan"* **Emma Henderson**, Manager – Planning, Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service Department of National Parks, Sport and Racing

*"Fraser Island and the sands of times— from confrontation to collaborations — the Inquiry 40 years on."* **Chris Loorham**, Lawyer, planner, mediator, and adviser to the Inquiry in that recommended the end of sandmining on K'Gari in 1976.

*"Incorporating coral into the tidal tapestry: classification, typology and mapping of the intertidal and subtidal benthic habitats of the Wide Bay / Great Sandy region"* **Maria Zann** A/Senior Program Officer, Intertidal and Subtidal Classification and Mapping CQ Biodiversity Assessment, Wetlands, Species & Protected Area Analysis Conservation and Sustainability Services Division, Department of Environment and Heritage Protection

*"The Colton Coal mine and the Great Sandy Strait Ramsar site"* **Dr. Tanzi Smith**, Mary River Catchment Coordinating Committee.

*"Exploring Sustainable Transport Options for K'gari"* — **Ross Waldron** Barbara Winkley Fellow and PhD candidate

*"Handling the hordes — Lessons from how natural World Heritage sites manage visitation"* — **John Sinclair, AO, FIDO** founder has visited over 100 World Heritage sites both natural and cultural around the world studying how visitation is being handled in other World Heritage sites.

### **Lunch 1.00 pm to 1.45 pm**

### 1.40 — 3.10 pm Citizen Science Session

**Chair: Dr. Gabriel Conroy**, University of the Sunshine Coast

This session addresses the increasing and diverse roles citizen scientists are playing to help K’Gari management. There will be an interactive panel session starting with each panellist making a short presentation on their topic followed by a Q&A Session

#### 7 Panellists:

The Role of Weather Stations on K’Gari — Keith Sinclair

The University of the Sunshine Coast ’s Repository — Beth Cawter

Art and citizen science in action — Kelli McGregor

Suzanne Wilson — *Developing the Nursery to meet Growing demand*

Perspectives from participants in the 2016 Beach to Birrabeen BioBlitz

- Patrick Leonard — Fungi
- Shelley Gage —Plants
- Maria Miller — Overview

**“Citizen Science and other USC Initiatives on K’gari “** Dr Kim Walker, University of the Sunshine Coast (20 minutes)

### Afternoon Tea 3.10 to 3.40 pm

#### 3.40 – 5.00 pm Closing Session

**Chair: Sue Sargent**, Chair of FINIA and Fraser Island World Heritage Community Advisory Committee

#### ***Tackling K’Gari’s Invasive Pests***

A 60 minute panel session on weeds and other invasive pests starting with each panellist making a short presentation.

#### 7 Panellists:

Peter Shooter — *Weed Management at Happy Valley*

Maree Prior — *Weed Management at Eurong*

Juliet Musgrave — *Fraser Coast Regional Council’s Weed Management*

Linda Behrendorff — *QPWS Pest Management*

Don Bradley — *Sandy Cape and Great Sandy Strait Weed management*

Linda Wills — *The role of BMRG in Keeping the Great Sandy Great*

**Sue Sargent** will summarize the day’s proceedings and close the conference.

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