

6th Biennial Fraser Island Conference

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Sand, Sea and Sun

9.00 am to 5.00 pm

Wednesday 12th August, 2015

Innovations Centre, University of the Sunshine Coast Sippy Downs

COST: \$100. (\$60 for students and concessions) Includes light lunch and morning and afternoon tea

On line registrations can be made at:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/6th-biennial-fraser-island-conference-tickets-16152826539>

This interesting event is being organized by the Fraser Island Defenders Organisation and being supported by FINIA (Fraser Island Natural Integrity Alliance), the University of the Sunshine Coast and the Queensland Government through the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection. Everyone who cares about Fraser Island (K'Gari) can become better informed about the wonderful World Heritage treasure by supporting this Conference. University of the Sunshine Coast is almost half way between Brisbane and K'Gari (Fraser Island). It also coincides with Brisbane's Ekka holiday to suit many Brisbane Fraser fans.

The conference will deal with fascinating topics. For example, recent research in the fens based on s on aging charcoal suggest that Aboriginal occupation may extend back 40,000 years. This is one of the topics as part of the "Sun" theme that will look at aspects of climate change. Climate change is a subject of great interest to the Keynote speaker, Emeritus Professor Ian Lowe who will discuss some critical implications for Fraser Island.

The "Sand" theme will be presented by some of the University of Queensland team that is now embarking on a very ambitious three-year multidisciplinary research program into the geomorphology of Fraser Island. This is expected to yield much more information about the dunes and soils as it proceeds.

As an island Fraser Island is surrounded by sea, another theme. Great Sandy Strait is a rich and complex. Learn what makes this waterway on one side of the island entitled to be titled "Great". Another researcher will report on an upwelling in the sea offshore from Fraser Island that influences the yield of the Fraser fishery and how Hervey Bay has higher salinity than sea-water.

Attendees will be better informed to participate in the on-going dingo debate with more data on the population dynamics and dingo diet. In addition the Habitat theme will also hear the results of 20 years of study of waders and shorebirds in Great Sandy Strait from the Queensland Wader Study Group.

The final theme will involve discussion on community involvement including how the potential of USC's Fraser Island Research and Learning Centre at Dilli Village can be better realized. There will also be discussions of some citizen science projects as well as the contribution volunteers are making to the better management of our favourite island.

This is a wonderful full day program that you will be sorry to miss.

Details can be found on FIDO's web site www.fido.org.au

Conference information will continue to be updated until the event.

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