



RAINFOREST RETREAT, VILLAS
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FOREST WEEKEND

OCTOBER 31ST - NOVEMBER 2ND, 2008

Join our visiting experts for an insight into the complex world of the rainforest. Learn about Lamington's part in the 'Gondwana Rainforests of Australia' World Heritage site and the fascinating features that warrant its inclusion. Registration fee applicable.

HOST

PETER O'REILLY SNR

As a second generation O'Reilly family member, Peter is an expert on the flora and fauna of Lamington National Park. He is passionate about increasing awareness of preservation, and was a pioneer of ecotourism in the local area. In 2002 Peter was awarded the Order of Australia Medal for his work with the Environment.

LEADERS

BILL McDONALD

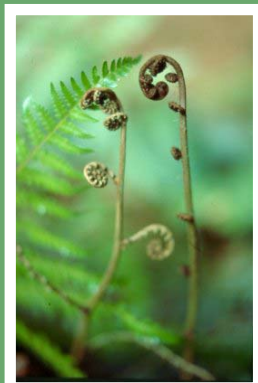
Bill currently works at the Queensland Herbarium and is a leading authority on sub-tropical plants and communities. He has a long standing affection for the Border Ranges area, in particular the Lamington National Park, and has been visiting the area for over 30 years.

GWEN HARDEN

Gwen was a botanist at the University of New England and the National Herbarium of New South Wales from 1981 to 2001. She coordinated the *Flora of New South Wales* project and was the editor of the 4-volume publication and later revisions. Most recently, Gwen (together with Bill McDonald and John Williams) has updated *Rainforest Trees and Shrubs* (the Red Book) and *Rainforest Climbing Plants* (the Green Book).

MELANIE LAIDLAW

Melinda is currently completing a PhD on regional scale patterns in the subtropical rainforests of the Mt Warning Caldera, at the University of Queensland. Since 2005 she has been with the Biodiversity Sciences Unit of the Environmental Protection Agency, including three years at the Queensland Herbarium.



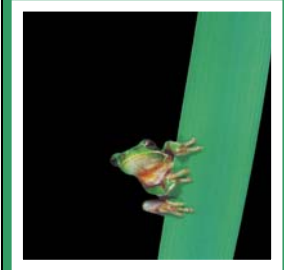
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FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31ST, 2008

- 2:00pm Check-in and settle in at leisure
- 6:00 – 8:00pm Dinner
- 8:00pm Introduction and welcome to Forest Weekend (Lounge)
Presentation: 'Rainforests of the Border Ranges'



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1ST, 2008

- 9:00am GROUP A: Full Day Walk - Border Track via Elabana Falls and Toolona Creek (lunch out)
OR
- 9:30am GROUP B: Wishing Tree Track or Elabana Falls (back for lunch)
- 12:30pm Lunch at Retreat Restaurant for Group B
- 2:00pm GROUP B: Moran's Falls
- 6:00 – 8:00pm Dinner
- 8:00pm Presentation – 'The impact of climate change on Queensland's subtropical rainforests'
Hosted by Melanie Laidlaw



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2ND, 2008

- 9:00 am Bus to Moran's Falls turnoff, inspect younger rainforest regrowth
Bus to 17V (Duck Creek Road) – rainforest / eucalypt forest ecotone
- 11:00 am Morning tea at Kurrajong Lookout
Return to guesthouse and (time permitting) inspect regrowth east of car park
- 12:30 pm Lunch
- 2:00 pm Identification of rainforest plants (trees, shrubs and vines)
- 4:00 pm Forest Weekend ends



END OF FOREST WEEKEND 2008

Please note: Program subject to change without notice