



FRIDAY ENVIRONMENT FORUM

NPA Environment Centre

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Fire, a community issue!

This week at Noosa Parks Association Friday Environment Forum, on **November 04**, **Omar Bakhach** who is Senior Ranger with **Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service** will discuss the significant challenges to **managing fire** where many people enjoy living in the bush and with nature.



Fire below houses at Nth Peregian in 2015

The Sunshine Coast provides an idyllic coastal lifestyle away from the hustle and bustle of the city, however this was not always the case.

Urban sprawl now replaces what was once a largely uninhabited coastal landscape previously used by the defence force as a bombing target range.

Developments are now nestled throughout this expansive landscape of fire dependent coastal heath and melaleuca wetland, where wildflowers proliferate in spring.

Past defence force activities have left a legacy of Unexploded Ordnance in parts of the region which creates unique challenges to managing both planned burning and wildfire response.

If you wish to understand more about the complex issues involved in balancing protection of the community with protection of the environment come along to Noosa Parks Association Environment Centre, 5 Woodlands Drive Noosaville on Friday **November 4**. Friday Environment Forum commences at 10.30am while coffee and a chat are on offer at 10.00. For those interested in an interpretive birding walk before the forum, meet Valda in the Environment Centre car park at 8.30am.

All welcome.



Murdering Creek planned burn