



FRIDAY ENVIRONMENT FORUM

NPA Environment Centre

14 October 2016

Nudibranch on the Sunshine Coast

At Noosa Parks Association's Friday Environment Forum on **October 14**, meet **Gary Cobb**, a founding member of the team of local devotees who investigate the world of **Nudibranchs** and explain the attraction they have for all those who come across them. The team at Nudibranch.com.au has spent the past fourteen years enthusiastically committed to this task.



This Nudibranch is *Andredoris rubroannulata*

Mr Cobb will introduce the audience to the world of Nudibranch and will demonstrate their remarkable diversity in our own "backyard" - the waters of Sunshine Coast.

Nudibranchs, sometimes known as "Jewels of the Sea", are some of the most visually striking of all the oceans' creatures. There are over 3000 different kinds of Nudibranchs around the world and the unusual name means 'naked gill'.

Their diversity of size, shape, ornamentation, colour, pattern and texture plus their extraordinary behaviour have caused a small group of local devotees to spend all of their spare time investigating them. The team at Nudibranch.com.au has spent the past fourteen years enthusiastically committed to this task.

Mr Cobb is a retired graphic designer who now spends most of his waking hours searching, researching and disseminating knowledge about these remarkable creatures. "I am happiest either searching for the next new species or telling people about it" he says. "I have swapped the thrill of rock climbing, skydiving and base jumping for the excitement of making a new nudibranch discovery and seeing the amazed looks on people's faces when I explain their natural history", he comments.

To learn more about these colourful and amazing sea creatures, the Nudibranchs, come along to the Noosa Parks Association Environment Centre, 5 Wallace Drive Noosaville on **14th October**. 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.



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