



# FRIDAY ENVIRONMENT FORUM

NPA Environment Centre

05 May

## Nudibranchs, colourful little 'jewels of the sea'

This week at Friday Environment Forum – May 05 –. Guest speaker *David Mullins'* talk on *Nudibranchs*, colourful little 'jewels of the sea', that was postponed due to Cyclone Debbie, will take place this week.

Audience members were so fascinated by these elusive creatures when discussed last year that they asked for more, will focus on the 'how and why' of Nudibranchs. He will answer the question, "How did the loss of the molluscan shell allow nudibranchs an explosion in diversity of body form and physiological function?"



From lowly burrowers hiding and hunting through the silt, to the highly developed extroverts of flamboyant colours and extravagance of ornamentation, their history of evolution has caused them to be among the most visually exciting and interesting of invertebrate animals. Those attributes are merely an attractive external by-product of the underlying complicated adaption to survive and flourish in their environment

Mr Mullins has been a diver and underwater photographer for more than 40 years. Although he has dived many overseas locations, the majority of his time underwater has been enjoyed on our own local reefs off the Sunshine Coast. Now retired he spends his time with the like-minded members of 'The Team' searching for new species of nudibranchs and recording their behaviour.

Join the audience on **Friday May 05** at the Environment Centre, 5 Wallace Drive, Noosaville to to learn more about these beautiful sea creatures.. Arrive early to enjoy coffee at 10.30am. For those interested in an interpretive birding walk before the forum, meet Valda in the Environment Centre car park at 8.30am.

**All welcome.**

