



FRIDAY ENVIRONMENT FORUM

NPA Environment Centre

12 May

Diving in Rainbows - Triton Bay West Papua

This week – May 12 - Noosa Parks Association will welcome Jan Brown as the guest speaker at Friday Environment Forum. Jan has visited Triton Bay several times on regular diving trips to Indonesia. Well known in the Noosa area as a highly accomplished underwater photographer, Jan is inviting the audience to share some 'underwater rainbows' with her.

In South East Asia limestone karst formations cover an area of around 400,000 square kilometres. Many of these outcrops have been historically spared from potential agriculture and have a potential for archaeological and paleontological discoveries.



Corals in Triton Bay

Triton Bay in West Papua in the region we refer to as the Bird's Head is one of these limestone regions.

The prevailing seasonal trade winds blew navigators of many nations through this region and in 1606 Luis do Torres describes white cockatoos, wallabies, a cassowary, birds of paradise, bananas, coconuts, breadfruit and custard apples.

William Dampier also passed this way and named many features further to the east. Triton Bay is marked on maps of 1828 when Indonesian, the Dutch and Chinese describe regular trading trips.

Join the audience on **Friday May 12** at the Environment Centre, 5 Wallace Drive, Noosaville. The forum starts at 10.30am with conservation updates before Jan's presentation. For those interested in an interpretive birding walk before the forum, meet Valda in the Environment Centre car park at 8.30am.

All welcome.



Limestone karst formations

