



FRIDAY ENVIRONMENT FORUM

NPA Environment Centre

16 June

The Crow

This week at Friday Forum – 16 June: *Professor Darryl Jones* of Queensland's Griffith University will share his recent research findings about 'clever corvids' - **Crows**.



Torresian crow foraging on a sports field. (Photo by Darryl)

Professor Jones is a behavioural ecologist working in the fields of urban ecology and wildlife management. He is especially interested in urbanisation and the way that some species are adapting and has written several books related to that subject.

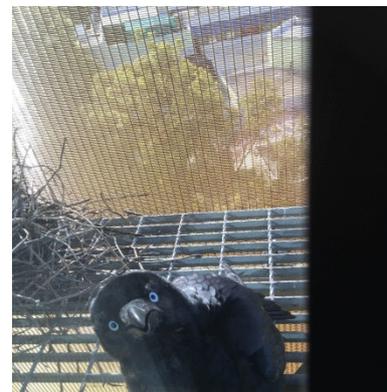
"A huge amount of recent research paints a very different picture of these so called 'bird brains', with corvids now recognised as among the smartest animals of all, including mammals" writes Professor Darryl Jones of Queensland's Griffith University.

For most people crows are little more than annoying scavengers with harsh calls and even worse reputations. They have been associated with war and death and are sometimes known as the supposed 'bringers of ill omen'.

After all, it is a 'murder' of crows and a 'slaughter' of ravens. These bad features cause many people to assume that they have been introduced, like other despised species such as cane toads and foxes. In reality all five of the corvids (the family of crows, ravens, jackdaws, jays and European magpies) found in Australia are native, with our local species the Torresian Crow, being the typical corvid of the tropics.

Join the audience on **June 16** at the Environment Centre, 5 Wallace Drive, Noosaville to hear more about the capabilities of these intelligent birds. The forum starts at 10.30am. Arrive in time for coffee at 10am. For those interested in an interpretive birding walk before the forum, meet Valda in the Environment Centre car park at 8.30am.

All welcome.



Torresian crow building a nest on a building at Griffith University (Photo by Darryl Jones)