



**FRIDAY ENVIRONMENT FORUM**  
**NPA Environment Centre**  
**10 November 2017**  
**Gateway to Noosa Wilderness Area**

The calm waters of the upper reaches of the Noosa River are truly beautiful with wonderful reflections which some have called 'The River of Mirrors'. This week's talk at Friday Environment Forum is about Kinaba, the gateway to this wilderness area.



The Sir Thomas Hiley information centre at Kinaba located at the entrance to the Upper Noosa River National Park was built in 1978, and opened to the public in 1979. The Centre is in a great position to be the gateway to the park for visitors coming by water. In the past, the centre was permanently staffed by Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service (QPWS) rangers who maintained the centre, as well as met tour boats and school groups.

Regretfully Kinaba has not been staffed for many years, despite visitor numbers continuing to be high. Budget constraints for QPWS had left minimal spending marked for the centre.

A meeting of concerned residents in Boreen Point in June 2011, decided to form the Friends Of Kinaba volunteer group, with a vision to care and maintain the Kinaba Information Centre and its surrounds, and restore it to its former condition as a functioning interpretive centre.

**On Friday November 10, Noosa Parks Association welcomes guest speaker Ada Medek to discuss the work done by the Friends Of Kinaba volunteer group to preserve and maintain this iconic centre and its surrounds, striving to return it to a fully functioning and welcoming information centre for visitors and tourists.**

Friday Environment Forum is held at the **NPA Environment Centre, 5 Wallace Drive Noosaville** starting at **10.30am** with a conservation update before the guest speaker. Coffee and tea available from 10am and the forum concludes at 12.15pm. **All welcome.**

For those wanting to enjoy the birds of Wallace Park, join Valda and other bird observers at **8.30am** in the car-park for interpretive birding.