



FRIDAY ENVIRONMENT FORUM

NPA Environment Centre

16 March 2018

Why Fungi Travel

We are accustomed to ideas about the movement of plants and animals and the effects they have on the wildlife in their place of arrival. For animals and plants, movements are fairly well understood. For example, the introduction of rabbits to Australia has been studied and the often disastrous consequences are well established. The same is true of the Camphor laurel tree in the world of plants.



Amanita muscaria or fly agaric

Patrick Leonard, an amateur mycologist, will attempt to explain how fungi travel from place to place when he is guest speaker at Noosa Parks Association's Friday Environment Forum on March 16. For example are fungi accidental passengers on trampers' boots, were they brought here deliberately, can they arrive without human interference? Can fungi pose a threat for agriculture and forestry or for our

native wildlife? Has the introduction of Australia's biosecurity system brought fungal introductions to a halt in this country?

This talk will cover the basics of fungal dispersal, and trace some examples of fungi that have been introduced both deliberately and accidentally.

You are invited to join the audience at **Noosa Parks Association's Environment Centre, 5 Wallace Drive, Noosaville** to learn more about this fascinating subject. There will be time given to answer audience questions. The forum commences at **10.30am** and coffee and a chat will be on offer from 10am. The forum will conclude at 12.15pm. All are welcome.



Favolaschia calocera (ping pong bat fungus)

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.