



# FRIDAY ENVIRONMENT FORUM

## NPA Environment Centre

### 2 March 2018

## The disappearing wildlife of the Sunshine Coast region

The Sunshine Coast region is an area of very high biodiversity and one in which, despite our burgeoning human population, we continue to see wildlife in abundance. There are however a suite of species which are almost certainly extinct in the region, and their passing has gone largely unremarked upon. A further group of species is declining and could pass into local extinction shortly.



The guest speaker at Friday Environment Forum on March 2 is **Dr Scott Burnett** an ecologist at the University of the Sunshine Coast. During 30 years of wildlife research Scott has studied the ecology of a suite of threatened species, including quolls, cassowaries, mahogany gliders, bettongs and stream frogs. He is also interested in methods for monitoring fauna including the use of citizen scientists and new technologies.

In this presentation Dr Burnett will remind us that we no longer see quolls or emus in our region, and he will showcase new research which shows that eastern grey kangaroos and long-nosed potoroos are following in their footsteps. He will present data which will show the decline of these species, and explore reasons for these declines. The curse of commonness, where societal 'knowledge' of high profile and historically common species can mask the reality of local and regional extinctions will be discussed.



Mahogany glider



This week there will be a screening of the film **Stop Adani: A Mighty Force** at 10.15am before the forum. Join the audience at the **Environment Centre, 5 Wallace Drive, Noosaville** for coffee and a friendly chat which will be on offer from **9.45am, owing to the earlier than usual start time.**

To learn more about the birds of Wallace Park, join Valda and the **Interpretive Birding Group** in the car park at **8.30am.** All welcome.