



# **FRIDAY ENVIRONMENT FORUM**

## **NPA Environment Centre**

### **4 May 2018**

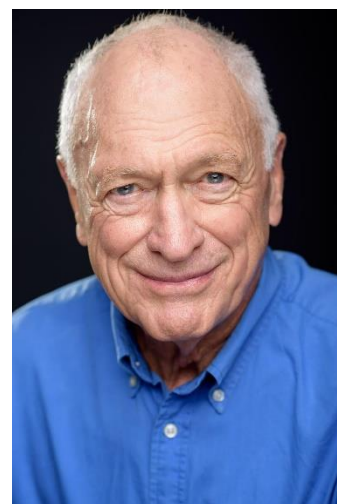
## **National parks: where to from here?**

As Queensland's major political parties engage in a war of words over eco-tourism, there is a danger that important conservation values are being ignored. **Tony Groom**, the guest speaker at **Friday Environment Forum on May 4** will discuss the future of National Parks, the vital cornerstones of conservation.



*Walking in Lamington National Park*

Our national park estate is so limited and precious that the thought of sacrificing even one hectare for a building is abhorrent to many. The ideal is for accommodation to be built on buffer land outside the park, close enough to hear the dawn chorus of birds in the forest, but still controlled by the national park service.



**Mr Groom says, "It doesn't reflect well on our past governments that most of our great national parks are the result of one or two people, or under-funded conservation groups beavering away for their protection. We owe it to these people, who helped create our national parks, to consult with them before more visitor facilities are added to areas set aside for conservation purposes."**

Be part of the audience at **The Noosa Parks Association Environment Centre, 5 Wallace Drive Noosaville** to hear **Tony Groom** share his knowledge and love of national parks.

The forum on May 4 **starts at 10.30am** and ends at 12.15pm. Coffee is on offer at 10am. Everyone is welcome.

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