



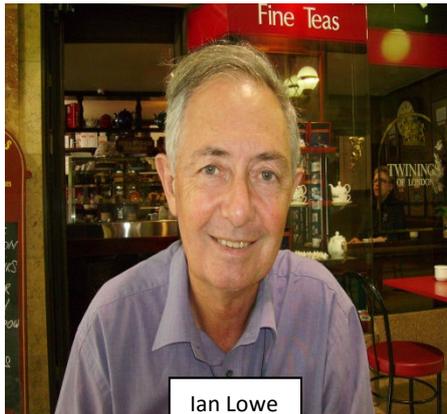
FRIDAY ENVIRONMENT FORUM

NPA Environment Centre

19 August 2016

The Lucky Country? Reinventing Australia

This week at Friday Environment Forum 19 August: **Ian Lowe** is this week's guest speaker at Noosa Parks Association Friday Environment Forum.



Ian Lowe

In his new book *The Lucky Country? Reinventing Australia*, local author Ian Lowe revisits Horne's warnings about Australia's future: the challenge of our geographical position, the need for 'a revolution in economic priorities' and the need to discuss what sort of country we want to become.

Those warnings are more urgent today after fifty years of inaction. An additional complication is the accumulating evidence that we are not living sustainably. A 2015 UN report on sustainability ranked Australia 18th out of the 34 OECD countries: below the UK, New Zealand and Canada. Donald Horne described Australia in 1964 as 'a lucky country run mainly by second-rate people who share its luck'. The phrase 'the lucky country' quickly became part of the language. Its message was often distorted by people who hadn't read the book, or hadn't grasped its ironic meaning.

A recent Academy of Science project found strong consensus for "a future Australia that is more caring, community-focused and fair than present-day Australia". That would be a truly lucky country, a wonderful legacy to future generations. This book explains why change is needed and spells out how we could become a model for the rest of the world.

Everyone is welcome at the Environment Centre, 5 Wallace Drive Noosaville on August 19 to hear Emeritus Professor Lowe discuss his book. Friday Environment Forum commences at 10.30am although everyone is welcome to arrive at 10am when coffee and chat are on offer. For those interested in an interpretive birding walk before the forum, meet Valda in the Environment Centre car park at 8.30am.

All welcome.



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