



FRIDAY ENVIRONMENT FORUM

NPA Environment Centre

30 September 2016

Protecting the Turtles on our Coast

At Noosa Parks Association's Friday Environment Forum on September 30, **Sherida and Safron** from **Coolum and North Shore Coast Care Turtle Team** will jointly present a very special Friday Environment Forum at Noosa Parks Association's Environment Centre this week.



Sherida Holford on left and Safron in front are members of the Coolum and North Shore Turtle Team.

Sherida Holford is a team member who regularly attends to nests and hatchlings, at times ably assisted by her eleven year old daughter Safron who has worked with turtles since she was a toddler.

In the 2015- 2016 Turtle Season the 'Team' monitored fifteen known nests and assisted 1,735 sea turtle hatchlings to reach the ocean on Sunshine Coast beaches from Mudjimba in the south and as far north as Noosa's Alexandria Bay. Apart from nesting turtles, the team also assists stranded and injured turtles that are washed onto our beaches.

During a short children's documentary *One In A Thousand, The Miraculous Life of the Sea Turtle*, meet Sam, James and Gina. This enthusiastic team of youngsters assist turtle expert Dr Col Limpus of Mon Repos Turtle Centre, to relocate to safety, a newly laid nest of eggs. Statistics show that only one in a thousand hatchlings will survive the 30 – 50 years it takes for a sea turtle to reach breeding age, so every adult turtle that visits our beaches is a miracle of survival.

Everyone is welcome to join the audience for Friday Environment Forum on September 30 at the Environment Centre, 5 Wallace Drive, Noosaville, from 10 am for morning tea. Friday Environment Forum commences at 10.30am while coffee and a chat are on offer at 10.00. 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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