



FRIDAY ENVIRONMENT FORUM

NPA Environment Centre

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Fraser Island (K'Gari): An Evolving Model of Governance



FRASER ISLAND
NATURAL INTEGRITY ALLIANCE

Guest Speaker at Friday Environment Forum on November 23 will be Sue Sargent, currently the chair of the Fraser Island Natural Integrity Alliance (FINIA), the Fraser Island World Heritage Community Advisory Committee and the Australian World Heritage Advisory Committee with a passion for Fraser Island and all Australia's World Heritage properties.

"I first visited Fraser Island or K'gari in 2005 looking at the issue of weed and pest management across multiple tenures and identifying the need for a collaborative approach," states Ms Sargent.

That first workshop included representatives from the Queensland Government, Local Government, the Regional NRM Group, research and non-government organisations in addition to local community groups active on the island and traditional owners, the Butchulla people. Fraser Island Natural Integrity Alliance or FINIA was formed with the vision 'to protect Fraser Island's natural integrity, ecological assets and unique beauty through collaborative management, community education and targeted rehabilitation works.'

With 19 World Heritage properties in Australia including the Australian Convict sites spread across Western Australia, NSW, Tasmania and Norfolk Island, Australia has a lot to be proud of internationally. But, in a resource-limited environment with complex jurisdictions and overlapping legislation, tackling the big problems like Climate Change or Visitation Management and more importantly, managing 'Outstanding Universal Value' of these properties so that future generations can enjoy those same values, is the challenge. Using her work on Fraser Island (K'gari) as an example, Sue will discuss the current governance of Fraser Island (K'gari) and how this provides both challenges and opportunities for the island's stakeholders. She will describe how models in use for Fraser Island could be applied elsewhere.

Join the audience at the Environment Centre, 5 Wallace Drive Noosaville to learn more. Coffee is on offer from 10am and the forum commences at 10.30am. To enjoy the birds of Wallace Park meet the Interpretive Birding Group in the car park at 8.30am.

All are welcome.

Sue Sargent, currently Chair of Fraser Island Natural Integrity Alliance, to discuss a model of governance for Fraser Island and Australia's other World Heritage Sites at Friday Forum.

