

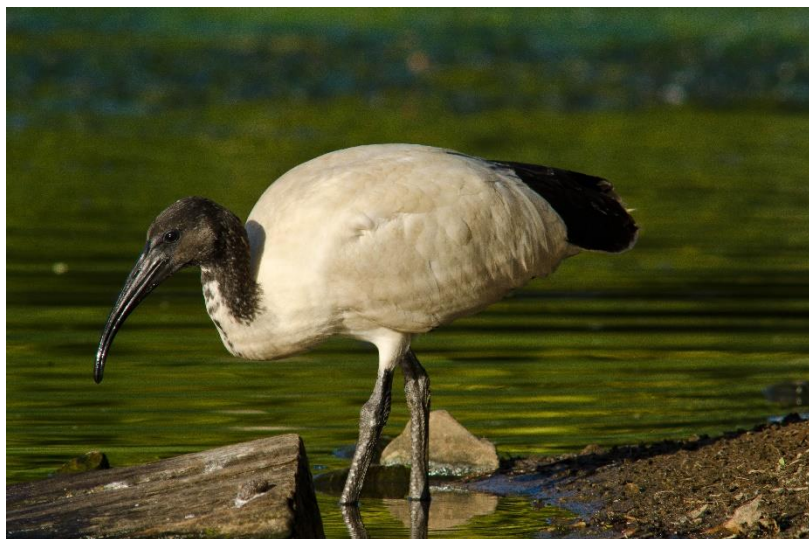


## FRIDAY ENVIRONMENT FORUM

NPA Environment Centre

5 July 2019

### Australian White Ibis – angel or demon?



The Australian White Ibis more commonly known as Dump duck, Bin chicken or Tip Turkey is now a familiar feature of the urban landscape. Loved or hated these birds have adapted to the fast food culture of modern times, finding abundant pickings left by their human friends. They may be white and have wings, but whether seen as angel or demon depends on who is making the call.

The guest speaker at Noosa Parks Association Friday Environment Forum

on July 5 is **Wayne Ellis** who will discuss if it is possible to convince ibis to move on, and the many and varied techniques that can be tried. “Their numbers are increasing in urban areas and many tools and tricks have been applied, some abject failures, others with mild results. Ibis do learn, whether they can be educated is a challenging question;” explains Wayne.

The Australian White Ibis, *Threskiornis molucca* is a native Australian bird and is protected under wildlife legislation. Habitat destruction and droughts in rural areas have devastated their natural homes. The abundance of clean water and food in our cities has enticed them in, just to survive.

Join the audience this Friday morning to learn simple things that you can do to make a difference to one of Australia’s water birds. The venue is the **NPA Environment Centre, 5 Wallace Drive Noosaville**. The forum starts at 10.30am with coffee available from 10am and concludes at 12.15pm.

**Investigate the birds of  
Wallace Park with Valda and  
the Interpretive Birding Group.  
Meet at 8.30am in the car park.  
All welcome**



Straw-necked ibis – another member of the ibis family