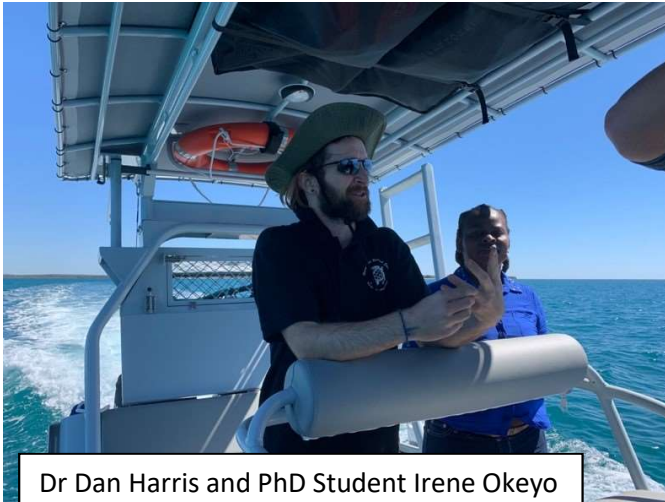




FRIDAY ENVIRONMENT FORUM
NPA Environment Centre
4 October 2019
Great Sandy Strait Research



Dr Dan Harris and PhD Student Irene Okeyo during fieldwork in the Sandy Strait

Water quality in the Mary River is particularly important due to its connection with the Great Sandy Strait, in close proximity to Ramsar wetlands and ultimately flowing into the UNESCO Fraser Island World Heritage Area. Great Sandy Strait is an important habitat for breeding fish, crustaceans, dugongs, dolphins and marine turtles

This week's guest speaker at Noosa Parks Association Friday Environment Forum is **Ron Johnstone from the School of Earth and Marine Sciences at the University of Queensland.**

Mr Johnson will discuss the results from water quality research which was initiated by Fraser Island Defenders Organisation and MRCCC supported by local environmental groups, in response to the threat of a coalmine close to the Mary River.

The research was designed to understand and potentially predict the distribution of materials entering the Sandy Straits from the Mary River so that future developments in the Mary River catchment can be better evaluated in terms of their potential influence of this unique coastal ecosystem.

Join the audience at the **NPA Environment Centre, 5 Wallace Drive, Noosaville** to hear more about this diverse area and the potential impact of development. Morning tea will be available from 10am, the forum begins at 10.30am and ends at 12.15pm.



Great Sandy Strait

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