



FRIDAY ENVIRONMENT FORUM NPA Environment Centre

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Citizen Science at Cooloola BioBlitz



Citizen Science is a popular way to learn more about the local environment and contribute to important research.

Guest Speaker at Friday Environment Forum this week will be Dr Lindy Orwin of Cooloola Coastcare. Dr Orwin has now coordinated two BioBlitzes in the Cooloola area with the aim of documenting as much of Cooloola's

living natural resources as possible. This area is already on the World Heritage Tentative List but surprisingly little has been done to record the biological resources of the area. During a BioBlitz, teams of keen amateur naturalists are matched with leaders who are experts in their fields of study. They scour various areas to record all plants, animals and fungi found there. Results can be extraordinary, with a recent event identifying thirty-seven new Spider species previously unknown to science.

To hear more about the intriguing BioBlitz finds and to learn how you could play a part in the 'next big discovery' at Cooloola, come along to the Environment Centre to hear Dr Orwin. Morning Tea is available for purchase from 10am. The forum commences at 10.30am and concludes at 12.15pm.

The Alien Butt Spider (*Araneus praesignis*) was discovered by Arachnologist, Robert Whyte and his team at a recent Cooloola BioBlitz.

Meet Valda and the Interpretive Birding group in the carpark at 8.30am to enjoy the birds of Wallace Park.
All welcome.

