

PROGRAM FOR ONLINE FORUM – “Our Place” – 18 April, 12noon to 4.15pm

Time of day	Speaker	Topics covered
		INTRODUCTION AND INDIGENOUS PERSPECTIVES
12.00-12.15pm	Michelle Maloney	Welcome and introduction; introduction to the forum, to AELA and the Greenprints initiative (and why we’re interested in bioregions)
12.15-12.30pm	Uncle Tais	Welcome to country, short talk about his peoples’ connection to country, and the work of Biral Tours in sharing cultural knowledge
12.30-12.45pm	Ross Williams	Acknowledgment of country, introduction to First Nations’ peoples’ perspectives about Caring for Country/relationship with land and sea country; introduction to Indigenous science
12.45-1.00pm	Questions for Uncle Tais and Ross W.	Q&A – facilitated by Michelle Maloney
		AN OVERVIEW OF THE BIOREGION AND SUB-REGIONS
1.00-1.20pm	Professor Ian Lowe	Overview of the SEQ bioregion, its geology, hydrology and unique characteristics – western scientific perspective
1.20-1.40pm	Susie Chapman	Sunshine Coast river catchments and estuaries: their rich cultural and ecological values
1.40-2.00pm	Sandra Tuszynska	Restoring Soils with Fungi – an introduction to the importance of partnering up with plant symbiotic fungi to restore our soils, improve soil and plant health, sequester carbon into soils and create regenerative agriculture.
2.00-2.20pm	Questions for Ian, Susie and Sandra	Q&A – facilitated by Michelle Maloney
		AFTERNOON TEA BREAK
2.20-2.35pm	Tea break!	Everyone can make a cuppa in the comfort of their own home, and then come back to the zoom call; NOTE: Michelle will NOT leave the call or ‘turn it off’. The zoom link will stay open and Michelle will facilitate any questions through the break.
		BIODIVERSITY
2.35-2.55pm	Narelle McCarthy	Introduction to the biodiversity of the Sunshine Coast – the range and diversity of plants, animals, insects, fish and life
2.55-3.10	Joel Fostin	Introduction to the coastal zones of the Sunshine Coast – how these unique coastal zones are made up, live and thrive (special mention of pandanus!)
3.10-3.25	Spencer Shaw	Introduction to some of the plants of the bioregion
3.25-3.40	Meghan Halverson	The koalas (and other furry creatures) of the bioregion
3.40-3.55	Rex Halverson	The Noosa Biosphere – what it sees as important, what it’s protecting
3.55-4.10	Sue Davis	History of environmental protection in the region
4.10-4.20	Questions for all biodiversity speakers	Q&A – facilitated by Michelle Maloney
4.20/4.30	Michelle Maloney	Close