

The 1st South East Queensland Island Forum 'Tourism, Transport and Local Economies'

Following the inaugural Australian Small Island Forum held on Lord Howe Island in May 2012, Redland City Council and Southern Cross University are now organising a similar event focussing on the coastal islands of Queensland. The objective of the forum is to provide a opportunity for Islanders and people who are enthusiastic about Islands to come together, learn from each other, discuss common issues, discover ways of working together and return home enthused and empowered to make a difference.

It will be held on North Stradbroke and Russell Islands from Monday 24th to Wednesday 26th February 2014
(NB North Stradbroke Island will be the accommodation base, free ferry transport will be provided between NSI and Russell on Tuesday 25th for a day session there)

Topics include

- Sustainable Islands Tourism
- Transport - Crossing that crucial gap
- Cultural Tourism
- How much buy-in does tourism need from the community beyond those in tourism, and how to get it.
- The economics of autonomous islands - Can you make it alone?
- The rents of paradise - What to do with Island economies?
- Islands and Indigenous Business Opportunities

Speakers confirmed so far ...

- Jayne Bates: Mayor of Kangaroo Island
- David Thomson: General Manager Transit Systems and Chairman Straddie Chamber of Commerce
- Dr Michael Kortt: Southern Cross University Economist specialising in local government economics
- Karen Williams: Mayor of Redland City Council
- Cameron Costello: CEO Quandamooka Yoolooburrabee Aboriginal Corporation
- Lorna Hempstead: Magnetic Island Community Development Assoc Inc
- Dr Howard Guille: Stradbroke Centre for Island Learning

Registration Cost — \$60 (for three days) or \$20 and \$40 for individual half-day and day attendances – 50% reduction for full time students and unemployed attendees (and Wednesday evening session on Russell – free admission). Registration payable on day in cash only.

Half Day Tour

An optional Straddie Kingfisher [4WD Half Day Tour](#) is available Monday morning. Book directly with Straddie Kingfisher Tours (07) 3409 9502

Supporters

Supported by Southern Cross University, Redland City Council, Quandamooka Yoolooburrabee Aboriginal Corporation, Straddie Chamber of Commerce and Straddie Camping

More information

For information on panels and speakers email: philip.hayward@scu.edu.au

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Preliminary Timetable

| Day | Monday 24 th | Tuesday 25 th | Wednesday 26 th |
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| Theme | Transport | Tourism | Local Economies |
| Location | Point Lookout Hall | Russell Island Hall / Macleay Island Bowls Club | Point Lookout Hall |
| Morning | <p>Optional NSI Tour –Straddie Kingfisher 4WD Half Day Tour.</p> <p>Book directly with Straddie Kingfisher Tours (07) 3409 9502</p> | <p>Ferry from NSI to Russell Island</p> <p>9:00 am Keynote Speaker – Mayor Jayne Bates from Kangaroo Island</p> <p>Lorna Hempstead – Magnetic Island: How much buy-in does tourism need from the community beyond those in tourism, and how to get it.</p> <p>David Gash - Video presentation, Lady Elliot Island</p> | <p>Islands Indigenous Business Opportunities Cameron Costello, CEO Quandamooka Yoolooburrabee Aboriginal Corporation</p> <p>Dr Howard Guille – The rents of paradise- what to do with Island economies?</p> <p>Farewell</p> |
| Lunch | | Provided | |
| Afternoon | <p>Registration from 1:00 pm</p> <p>Keynote Transport David Thomson, General Manager Transit Systems</p> <p>Transport workshop & panel</p> | <p>Keynote Speaker - Mayor Karen Williams</p> <p>Cultural Tourism workshop</p> <p>Macleay Island Tour</p> | |
| Dinner | <p>Welcome to Country BBQ with NSI community on main beach – sponsored by Quandamooka Yoolooburrabee Aboriginal Corporation</p> | <p>Conference dinner – Macleay Island Bowls</p> | |
| Evening | <p>Island Film Festival – optional extra – to be determined</p> | <p>Can you make it alone? The economics of autonomous Islands – Dr Michael Kortt</p> <p>Return ferry to NSI</p> | |