

# WET TROPICS DISCOVERIES

Saturday 23 April 2016

## SEA TO SUMMIT

Join the Wet Tropics Management Authority and CAFNEC at the Cairns Botanic Gardens as some of the region's eminent scientists and ecologists present new plant discoveries and ornithological data from our mangroves and shores to our mountains.

**10.00am – 10.05am WELCOME** by Denis Walls ~ CAFNEC PRESIDENT

**10.05am – 10.30am AMAZING MANGROVES:**

Hidetoshi 'Mikey' Kudo, local Japanese-born naturalist specialising in mangroves, shares his story about the discovery of two mangrove species—one of them being a new discovery and critically endangered.

**10.30am – 11.00am MORNING TEA**

**11.00am – 11.20am THE SHOREBIRDS OF TRINITY INLET – THEN AND NOW:**

Paul Fisk, a Cairns-based naturalist who has studied Cairns' shorebirds for over 20 years, talks about the changes in shorebird numbers and habitat that have occurred in Trinity Inlet since 1988.

**11.20am – 12.00pm MAGNIFICENT MOUNTAINS:**

Professor Darren Crayn, Director of the Australian Tropical Herbarium at JCU, explores the unique plant life of the Wet Tropics mountains, discusses the science investigating the threats, and shares some of the discoveries recently made in this little known and globally significant ecosystem.

**DATE:** Saturday 23 April | **COST:** FREE including morning tea

**TIME:** 10.00am to 12.00pm | **LOCATION:** Cairns Botanic Gardens Visitor Centre

