



Guest Speaker

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Tracking Turtles on South Straddie

The small offshore island of South Stradbroke may not have a large human population, but it is densely and richly inhabited by a diverse and spectacular range of fauna. In fact, two endangered species of marine turtles have been found to utilise the Island for nesting, a discovery that is hugely important for their long-term survival.

Leighton Upton, one of only a handful of residents of South Straddie, is the island's official 'turtle-tracker' and 'bird-bander' and is an active volunteer in Marine Turtle Monitoring Programs, a combined effort of the Gold Coast City Council, Griffith University and Gold Coast locals.

In an interactive and educational presentation, Leighton will discuss current research into endangered marine species such as turtles, and the importance of public involvement in wildlife conservation.

Come along and find out about the amazing marine life and conservation programs on South Stradbroke Island...

Wednesday 28th July, 2010
6.30-8pm

Gecko House
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