

The symposium will be located in the heart of Lamington Plateau in southern Queensland, a world heritage area of outstanding biodiversity value.

Lamington National Park is known for its natural beauty, rainforests, birdlife, ancient trees, waterfalls, walking tracks and mountain views. The park is part of the Shield Volcano Group of the World Heritage Site Gondwana Rainforests of Australia inscribed in 1986 and added to the Australian National Heritage List in 2007. The park is part of the Scenic Rim Important Bird Area. Rugged mountain scenery, tumbling waterfalls, caves, rainforest, wildflower heaths, tall open forests, picturesque creeks, varied wildlife and some of the best bushwalking in Queensland are protected in Lamington National Park. The national park protects one of the most diverse areas of vegetation in the country. The park's lush rainforests include one of the largest upland subtropical rainforest remnants in the world and the most northern Antarctic Beech cool temperate rainforests in Australia. The roots of the oldest Antarctic beech trees are over 5,000 years old.

Many of Lamington's plants are found nowhere else on earth, such as O'Reilly's Pittosporum (*Pittosporum oreillyanum*), the Lamington Peach Myrtle (*Uromyrtus lamingtonensis*), and the Mt Merino Eyebright and Everlasting Daisy which are subalpine relics from the last ice age.

The area is one of the most important wildlife refuges in the region. Lamington is home to an incredible variety of wildlife including rare and threatened mammal, reptiles, amphibians, birds and arthropods.

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