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*A New Partnership, William Roe, 1994*

## Kimberley Rainforests: A Focus on Biological Diversity Professor Kevin Kenneally AM

Thursday 23rd March 2017

Presentation and questions 5:00 - 6:00pm

Informal discussion 6:00 - 6:30pm

For many years Kevin was a Principal Research Scientist with the Department of Environment and Conservation. His research has focused on the botany of the Kimberley and Top End, documenting in particular the flora of remote rainforests and monsoon vine thickets. Kimberley rainforests total a mere 7000 hectares, less than 0.01% of the region, yet - incredibly - they contain around 25% of the region's total plant species!

Kevin began his fieldwork on the Dampier Peninsula back in 1977. Through the 1980s & 1990s, Kevin worked tirelessly with members of the Broome Botanical Society and Indigenous elders to document the local flora. This collaboration resulted in the 1996 landmark publication Broome and Beyond: plants and people of the Dampier Peninsula, gaining the team a CSIRO Medal for Research Achievement. Kevin is currently Adjunct Professor at UWA, as well as an Honorary Research Associate for the WA Herbarium & WA Museum.

Broome Botanical Society continued documenting and mapping 62 monsoon vine thicket patches of the Dampier Peninsula through surveys in 2000-2002, working with numerous families of Traditional Owners. Environs Kimberley subsequently released the Society's report in 2010, which proved pivotal in documenting these unique sand-dune associated communities and was successful in gaining national protection under the EPBC Act in 2013.

In 2005 Kevin was appointed a Member of the Order of Australia (AM) for community service by way of organisations promoting environmental education, botanical knowledge and engaging young people in natural history. Kevin's forte lies in collaborative projects - taking Citizen Science to the people and building long-term relationships that benefit communities. The Broome Botanical Society is privileged to have engaged Kevin as botanical consultant for its proposed two year Citizen Science project: to work with Indigenous communities, schools and the general public to update and re-release Broome and Beyond as a Smartphone Application and potential hardcopy.



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