

**Question on Notice
No. 89
Asked on Thursday, 14 February 2008**

QUESTION:

MRS REILLY asked the Minister for Sustainability, Climate Change and Innovation (Mr McNamara) — With reference to the centenary of national parks in Queensland in 2008—

What activities and celebrations are planned to recognise this historic milestone?

ANSWER:

There are a number of celebrations, displays and activities planned to mark the Centenary of Parks in Queensland this year.

The EPA is installing a display at the Queensland Museum highlighting the past, present and future of national parks in Queensland, which will run for five weeks commencing on 17 March 2008.

On 28 March 2008, a day of activities is planned at Witches' Falls, Queensland's first national park which is now incorporated into Tamborine National Park.

There will be a ceremony to mark the occasion, plus local school activities, historical displays, guided bush walks and wildlife shows.

Go Bush activities and guided walks on national park locations are planned over the weekend of 29 – 30 March 2008, together with a full calendar of outdoor picnic events at nearby Holt Park at Mt Tambourine.

Major events are also planned for Millstream Falls in North Queensland (21 June 2008), Bunya Mountains (2-3 August 2008), and the Whitsundays (15 November 2008).

The Australian Protected Areas Congress will be a major environmental conference and will be held on the Sunshine Coast in November 2008. The theme of the conference will be "Protected Areas in the Century of Change".

There are a number of other local events and community activities running across the state through the Centenary year including a statewide "Go Bush" program, events on parks, and displays. The EPA website will feature further information throughout the year in relation to these events and activities.