

Eco-tourism forum

ECO-TOURISM and its international issues will be the focus of a Townsville conference this year.

The Eco-tourism Australia conference will be held at the Quality Hotel Southbank and Convention Centre from October 30 to November 3, with a one-day forum to follow.

Eco-tourism Australia chairwoman and conference convenor Clare McFarlane said the Townsville conference was shaping up to be the organisation's biggest event ever.

"We've been building the reputation of our conference for years by attracting speakers of an extremely high standard," Ms McFarlane said.

"This year will be a blockbuster event – we're looking at new and innovative ways to run the conference, and we've attracted some great speakers to the event."