

## **Overview of Activities Included in Rymarine 2024 Weekend**

Visits to National Marine Science Centre to enjoy hands on lectures on:

- Fish and Shark Morphology
- Embryonic Development
- Taxonomy

Scuba Diving Session plus Snorkelling at Split Solitary Island

- Discover Scuba Diving pool session
- Boat trip to Split Solitary Island for snorkelling with Dive Master (wet suits will be provided).

<u>Note</u>: the group will only take part in optional snorkelling under the control and discretion of qualified Dive Masters from Coffs Harbour Jetty Dive Centre.

National Parks and Wildlife Service

- Mutton Bird Island Walk (after dark)
- Bird studies
- Aboriginal significance

Visit to Coffs Coast Wildlife Sanctuary

- Syllabus base lesson
- VIP tour of the Sanctuary
- Career session
- Sea Lion and Dolphin Dreamtime

Marine Rescue NSW

- Presentation and tour of Base
- Walkover CH30 Marine Rescue boat

Coffs Coast Adventure Centre

- Canoeing activity
- Nature walk

## Guest speaker – Brett Vercoe

"Brett Vercoe lives in the Coffs Coast and was for many years a compliance officer for the Solitary Islands Marine Park Authority (SIMPA). He is an accomplished and highly respected master of both nature stills photography and video documentation. His spear fishing and free diving skills have also enabled him to get 'close and personal' to some big ocean creatures - some charismatic, some not so! Brett will share with us some of his highlight experiences in and on the ocean."