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Four Years of Research in Two Hours

Sitting for three days straight and listening to and then summing up the research that 120 scientists have competed in the past four years is not an easy task, but it is one that the Reef and Rainforest Research Centre's (RRRC) Managing Director Sheriden Morris is looking forward to.

Sheriden and her team at RRRC are hosting the fourth Annual Marine and Tropical Sciences Research Facility (MTSRF) Conference which is being held in Cairns this week

The conference is designed to showcase the Australian Government's $40 million investment in scientific research in terms of improved sustainability for the North Queensland region, and Australia.

Acknowledging that few people can spare three days, and that some might find the technical and scientific presentations hard to comprehend, Sheriden will extract and summarise the most interesting and useful scientific results.

"Information will be grouped into a series of short presentations to make up a two-hour Community Essential Science Information Session - the MTSRF equivalent of a Reader's Digest.

"We will be presenting Essential Sciences this Saturday morning, between 10am – 12 noon, centre stage at the Farmgate Markets at The Pier.

Sheriden is hoping that people will come along to find out the very latest information relevant to their daily lives, communities and the natural environments in which they live and she said they'll also be able to meet some of the scientists who belong to the largest research facility in northern Australia.

The RRRC first launched the Essential Science sessions last year and Sheriden said they were hugely popular.

"We are doing the same this year as we found that presenting the latest scientific research in a clear and engaging way went a long way to help people to understand their role in sustainable management and use of our environmental assets," she said.

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The 2010 RRRC Annual Conference is in Cairns from May 18 - 20 at Pullman Reef Hotel & Casino, Wharf St, Cairns. Media is welcome. For more information please contact the Conference Media Co-ordinator, Gaye Scott, phone 0418 793 009, gaye.scott@the2020group.com.au or Sheriden Morris, Reef and Rainforest Research Centre Managing Director, Marine and Tropical Sciences Research Facility, phone 07 4050 7400, email sheriden.morris@rrrc.org.au

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