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Tania Major presents Essential Science for North Queenslanders

North Queenslander and former Young Australian of the Year, Tania Major, will be presenting information that all North Queenslanders need to know at a series of engaging Essential Science Sessions to be held in Cairns and Townsville in May.

“These are challenging times for North Queensland’s environment and communities,” said Tania, who is a Kokoberra woman from the remote community of Kowanyama on Cape York.

“Now, more than ever, we need to make sure our decisions are based on the best available information.”

Tania will be joined by a number of other prominent North Queenslanders in gathering the latest information relevant to the region during the 2009 Annual Conference of the Marine and Tropical Sciences Research Facility (MTSRF), from 28-30 April, in Townsville.

The MTSRF involves over 300 scientists working to increase the environmental and economic sustainability of north Queensland, including the Great Barrier Reef, the Wet Tropics rainforests, and the Torres Strait.

“I’ll be extracting the most interesting and useful of the MTSRF scientific results and summarising them into a one-hour session aimed at the general public,” said Tania.

“This way people can come along and find out the very latest information relevant to their daily lives, communities and the natural environments in which they live.”

Tania was the Young Australian of the Year in 2007. She was the youngest ever councillor elected to the ATSIC, has a degree in criminology and is currently completing her Masters degree in Public Policy at Sydney University, while establishing a private consultancy and advocacy business.

