

Ian Hutton OAM



Ian Hutton has lived on Lord Howe Island since 1980. During that time he has been involved in various research projects from seabirds, endangered plant surveys and climate change.

In 1995 he ran the first “weeding ecotour” week in an effort to draw support for eradication of many weed species from the island. This has proved one of the most successful ecotour programs in Australia, with 66 weeks to date.

An accomplished photographer, Ian has produced ten books on the Island, including The Australian Geographic book of Lord Howe Island. Since 2006 Ian has been the part time Curator at the Island’s Museum, involving development of displays, and lectures for visitors.

Since 2002 he has been researching and promoting awareness of the issue of marine debris on seabirds. He has lectured on conservation of Lord Howe Island at many venues in Australia and the USA.

To support his research and natural history exploration, Ian runs nature tours, either one-week special tours such as Birdweek, or day and half day tours throughout the year.

In 2005 Ian was awarded the Order of Australia Medal for services to conservation and tourism on Lord Howe Island.