

TARL – Tropical Archaeology Research Laboratory
seminar by Sam Aird

Lightning strikes and green ant nests: 5 months searching for archaeological sites in the remote Lizard Island group, Great Barrier Reef

Friday 3 March 2017

3:00-4:00 pm

Room: Townsville ATSIP room 145-030, Cairns B1.107

I will talk about my experience doing archaeological field research and working as an intern over 4.5 months in the remote Lizard Island Group, Great Barrier Reef. Extensive pedestrian surveys on 5 islands were undertaken during this time. Some of these islands had never been archaeologically surveyed before and only 1 island, Lizard Island, has a permanent year-round human population. Shell middens, stone arrangements and rockart sites featured in both the land and seascapes.

My internship at the Australian Museum's Lizard Island Research Station (LIRS) consisted of 12 hours work each week, most of which was in the area of marine science.

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