

# Sally Neaves

Sally is the Eco-Education coordinator at Rahamim Ecology Centre, a ministry at the centre of ISMAPNG's ecological effort. Based at the centre's spirituality and sustainability demonstration site in Bathurst, NSW, Sally's work involves designing education programs and place-based contemplative practices for reconnection, healing and imaginative action. Her background includes studies in ecological theology, philosophy and spirituality. Originally from Melbourne, Sally has designed many transdisciplinary learning experiences integrating religious education, the sciences, and humanities around understanding the new Universe Story.



# Margie Abbott

Margie Abbott RSM has been offering retreats in Eco Spirituality since 1990. Margie's qualifications in education, spirituality, theology, and counselling, as well as psychodrama create a foundation for spontaneity and creativity. Margie uses regularly contemplative practices that inform evolutionary consciousness. Margie's private practice "Igniting Sparks" typifies Margie's commitment to work with, light up, and enliven people's lives.



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**RAHAMIM  
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# Rainforest Reawakening

A retreat immersion experience of Mercy through rainforest reconnection, reflection and renewal of our responsibilities for the Earth community.

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# The Experience

Grounded in the unfolding universe story, we will experience the lush rainforest of the World Heritage Listed, Mossman Gorge, the site of the Kuku Yalanji people who are among the first human inhabitants of Australia. We will discover the rich spiritual heritage that links the people of the region to the land. We will attend to our grief, bearing witness to Earth's destruction by visiting sites impacted by deforestation of the landscape as well as visiting sites of beauty and healing.

## Learning and renewal

This time of learning and renewal will immerse participants in the mystery of the living God, who dwells at the heart of the natural world. We will deepen our appreciation of the beauty and sacredness of the natural world, hear the cry of the earth and bring forth our imaginative responses (personal, organisational and communal) to the ecological challenges of our time and our place.

## Deep gratitude

This retreat will be an experience of deep gratitude for Earth's gifts, becoming aware of Earth's pain, and seeing with new eyes before going forth renewed.

\*Participants are welcome to arrive a day or two early, or to stay on afterwards, to enjoy the surroundings and other things that Far North Queensland and the Wet Tropics have to offer.

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## Join a beautiful collaboration of Rahamim Ecology Centre and Mercy Ministries Far North Queensland

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## Mindful nourishment

Inspired food by Rahamim will be served during this retreat. We will experience healthy, simple living within Earth's limits, mindfully eating an abundant fresh, seasonal, organic, local, vegetarian and ethically-sourced diet.

## Retreat Cost

\$580 Earlybird rate (until 30 April 2018)  
\$600 (after 30 April)  
Inclusive of all meals, accommodation, program, tours and excursions