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Frog Extinction Biggest Thing Since the Dinosaurs

The Earth's single largest mass extinction since the disappearance of dinosaurs will be the topic of a special presentation, given by Natalie Hill from the Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary, to mark the Year of the Frog.

Presented by Gecko - Gold Coast and Hinterland Environment Council the talk will be held on Wednesday 27 August, starting 6.30pm, at Gecko House, 139 Duringan Street, Currumbin.

Spokesperson for Gecko, Lois Levy, said the current amphibian extinction crisis is one of the greatest conservation challenges of modern times.

"With over half to one-third of the world's 6,000 amphibians on the brink of extinction, we need to conduct better and more urgent research into the reasons why," Ms Levy said, "We need to start seriously examining what we're putting into the waterways and into the soil and air to see what role this is playing in the crisis."

During her talk, Ms Hill will discuss the efforts the Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary is making towards securing the future of all frog species and how the average person can support this effort.

"Frogs have a special appeal to most people and their loss would be keenly felt by many. We all enjoy the sight of a green tree frog in the garden, or listening to their call after rain." Ms Hill said.

Ms Hill has six years experience as an amphibian specialist and is dedicated to the preservation of the species. She is currently developing the specialist skills required to maintain amphibian species in captivity.

Ms Hill and Ms Levy urged anyone interested in helping to secure the survival of frogs and other amphibians to attend the special presentation and to learn more about the Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary's amphibian conservation program by visiting www.cws.org.au

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