



Media Release

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Designing a healthier Gold Coast city

Queensland Government Architect Philip Follent will give a free public lecture on how to create healthier and more equitable suburbs, towns and cities. Mr Follent, in his former role as Gold Coast City Council Architect, developed an in-depth knowledge of the needs of the Gold Coast community in coping with current and future population growth.

Mr Follent, a founding member of Gecko in 1989, will return 'home' to speak at Gecko's monthly guest speaker night at Gecko House, 139 Duringan St, Currumbin at 6:30pm on Wednesday October 28. All are welcome to attend.

The focus of the presentation will be on the urban environment and the important roles that creativity, urban design and inspirational leadership play in the pursuit of making healthier, more liveable built environments.

The Office of the Queensland Government Architect was established in 1999 to provide leadership and strategic advice to government in relation to built environment, urban design and heritage issues. This advice is intended to assist in improving the quality of the built environment and ensuring Queensland's unique architectural heritage is respected and enhanced

The Queensland Government Architect is actively involved in a range of activities to generate support for a quality built environment in Queensland, to encourage more innovative design of public buildings, to assist Queensland architects in undertaking government work, to ensure that quality is a major factor in government projects, to encourage development of regional design and to assist government in its commitment to public art in buildings.

Gecko presents a free guest speaker night on the 4th Wednesday of each month on topical environmental issues. A gold coin donation is requested per glass of wine and nibbles. For catering purposes and to prevent waste, RSVP by 3pm on the day before the event to speakers@gecko.org.au or call 5534 1412.

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Information for media:

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