

Green Events – a festival gone by and a ball to come

Green Day Out this year was held at Kurrawa Park, Broadbeach for the first time and we prepared for it with some trepidation as we were unsure how it would go, away from our home ground at Currumbin. We certainly did not need to worry about the organisation as Anna Itkonen, our events coordinator, did a magnificent job and it all went without a hitch.

There were loads of exhibitors, great music, lots of food and some terrific children's activities including animal shows, performers, face painting and environmental games.

The volunteers once again showed their commitment to Gecko turning up at 5am to help set-up and staying all day to pack away in the cold and dark.

Being involved in this annual event is a worthwhile experience of comradeship and satisfaction for a job well done.

As good as it was there is always room for improvement and we have already started making a list of things to do better to give it that magic community feel. If you attended and have comments or ideas please pass them on to Anna (events@gecko.org.au) and say thanks while you are at it.

October 16th is the date for our next Green Event as we plan for a Green Ball to raise money for the much beleaguered Currumbin Wildlife Hospital. The Wildlife Hospital does not receive one cent from government at any level to care for the sick and injured wildlife that are brought to its doors 24/7 and as the Gold Coast becomes more and more urbanised there are more and more patients.

In caring for our unique wildlife Gecko members felt we could help by fundraising for the Wildlife Hospital as well as having fun at a purely social event - so the Green Ball idea was born. We will need the help of every Gecko member to make this a

success. Ideas and help in fun activities, decorations, food and raising lots and lots of money are needed.

You are invited to an initial planning meeting at 9am on Wednesday 7th July, but if you are working and can't make it please email your ideas to Anna (events@gecko.org.au) or raise them at the next General Meeting on 14th July as we will be talking about it after The Debate.