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Gold Coast Climate Action - Reducing CO₂ with Free Plants

Gold Coast residents will receive free plants to help reduce their carbon footprint at a Community Climate Action Day starting at 11am on Saturday 24th October at the south side of Currumbin Estuary beach.

The event, hosted by Gecko - Gold Coast and Hinterland Environment Council, will also provide residents with the opportunity to sign letters to the Prime Minister, urging effective action on climate change in the lead up to the Global Climate Change Summit in Copenhagen in December.

Gecko Secretary Lois Levy said that the average person can influence the Australian response and demonstrate concern about the impact of climate change by joining in the 350 Climate Action Day on October 24th and putting a plant in their garden or a pot to contribute to CO₂ reduction.

"This event is one of many happening in more than 100 countries around the world on that day in the call for reducing CO₂ to 350 parts per million," said Ms Levy. "The number 350 signifies the amount of CO₂ best suited to our atmosphere for a liveable planet. At present there are 385 parts per million of CO₂ in the atmosphere which is driving the changes in our climate."

"Gecko will give a plant to anyone who comes along with a good suggestion of how to reduce Australia's CO₂ emissions," said Ms Levy. "We have 350 plants to give away for 350 good suggestions which will be collated and sent to the Prime Minister and Minister for Climate Change."

The event will feature a group photo of people forming the number 350 which will be uploaded to the Gecko website and the 350.org website. There will also be music followed by some short speeches, environmental games on the sand, the group photo of the figure 350, the 350 suggestions and plant give away.

"We can all play our part in reducing CO₂ emissions," said Ms Levy. "Gecko is sure there will be at least 350 Gold Coasters who want to show their commitment to a healthy planet by joining in on 24th October."

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