



# Media Release

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## Livin' on the Edge

Graeme Taylor is the author of *Evolution's Edge: The Coming Collapse and Transformation of Our World*, which won the Independent Publisher's 2009 Gold Medal for the book "most likely to save the planet".

Graeme will give an illustrated presentation on the theories outlined in his award-winning book at Gecko's monthly guest speaker night at Gecko House, 139 Duringan St, Currumbin at 6.30pm on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2010. All are welcome to attend.

*Evolution's Edge* builds on the work of countless dedicated activists and scientists from every part of the world. Its purpose is to explain why the collapse of the current global system is inevitable, why constructive change is possible and how we can support the evolution of a better world.

Graeme is the coordinator of BEST futures ([www.bestfutures.org](http://www.bestfutures.org)), a project using evolutionary systems theory to model societal change, analyse global problems and develop viable solutions.

He is an Adjunct Reader with the School of Integrative Systems, University of Queensland; a Director of *Be the Change* (Australia); an Honorary Research Advisor to the Australian Peace and Conflict Centre; and a PhD Candidate at the Griffith School of Environment in Brisbane.

Graeme will discuss:

- the transformation of our unsustainable Industrial Age into a sustainable Information Age
- societal evolution – the process by which societies reorganize themselves in more complex forms with new capabilities
- why the next level of civilization has already begun to emerge
- the creation of great hope and opportunities that comes with this change
- how we can support this evolutionary process.

*Gecko presents a free guest speaker night on the 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:speakers@gecko.org.au) or call 5534 1412.*

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