

## MEDIA RELEASE

### **Recognising Bush Food & Uncovering Living Stories: *A Peep into our Regional Botanic Gardens***

***Gecko Talks – Wednesday, February 27 at Currumbin RSL***

**Australian bush food is all around us. The problem for many of us is understanding what we're looking at.**

If you are keen to know more about bush food—and a special local bush food garden—don't miss the Gecko Talk on Wednesday, February 27. That's when husband and wife team, Alan Donaldson and Kate Heffernan, will give us an insight into the Bushfood Garden, and more, at the Gold Coast Regional Botanic Gardens.

Alan and Kate, Honorary Life Members of the Friends of the Gardens, jointly planned, designed and co-ordinated the community planting for the Bushfoods Garden.

The very knowledgeable pair will link the bush food story with the nearby *Story of Our Country* Garden, which explains, through landscape, the journey travelled by the Yugambeh people.

Kate and Alan will share some of what it takes to establish such a garden, from planning and design, through plant selection, community involvement, the fruits and their uses and endangered species.

As well as being a beautiful place to spend time and learn, the Gardens tell many stories. Another important one is told via the Mangroves to Mountains Walk where volunteers have planted 17 different landscapes representing our regions plant communities.

**This garden shows us all how we can use endemic vegetation in our home gardens.**

The Botanic Gardens are not only beautiful but tell many stories. Don't miss this chance to hear just what goes into creating a garden that is more than the plants.

**Gecko Talks is on Wednesday, February 27 at Currumbin RSL.** Everyone's welcome and it's free. Come early and buy a delicious RSL meal.

Please call Gecko on 07 5534 1412 to book or for more information. Or turn up on the night.

**When:** Wednesday, February 27, 2018

**Time:** 6:45PM for 7:00PM Start

**Where:** 'The Cove Room', Currumbin RSL, 165 Duringan Street, Currumbin

**Cost:** FREE! (Don't forget, you can buy a meal there before the talk.)

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