

## MEDIA RELEASE

### Climate Change Update:

#### *How this will affect living in the Gold Coast—and beyond*

**Gecko Talks – Wednesday, May 22 at Currumbin RSL**

**The debate on climate change is rightly focused on the urgent need to reduce greenhouse gases. But whatever our success or failure in mitigating emissions, we must now also ask how the harmful impacts of a rapidly-changing climate affect living on the Gold Coast—and beyond.**

You can learn more when world-recognised authority on this challenging topic, Prof Brendan Mackey, Director of the Griffith Climate Change Response Program at Griffith University, updates us at the Gecko Talk on May 22.

‘There is now irrefutable scientific evidence that our climate is changing rapidly as the result of greenhouse gas emissions from using fossil fuel and deforestation and degradation,’ Prof Mackey says.

**‘It is critical that we start to address the latest scientific findings on *how* the climate is changing and the impacts these will have on Australia, Queensland and the Gold Coast.’**

Prof Mackey will discuss some of the consequences of climate change for people and the economy. He’ll outline what it means for iconic ecosystems such as the Great Barrier Reef, economic sectors including tourism, urban planning and liveability, and human health.

Prof Mackey is currently serving as a Coordinating Lead Author for the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) 6th Assessment Report, Chapter 11 - Australasia.

**Gecko Talks is on Wednesday, May 22 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, May 22, 2019

**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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