



# Media Release

Wed 13<sup>th</sup> June 2012

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## **Mara Bun, CEO Green Cross Australia HELPING PEOPLE ADAPT TO OUR CHANGING CLIMATE**

Gecko's next guest speaker night on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> June welcomes Mara Bun CEO of Green Cross Australia, a not-for-profit that empowers people to respond to environmental change.

Mara has over 20 years of leadership experience in the community, research, investment banking and development sectors. She studied economics in the US and began her career as a Financial Analyst with Morgan Stanley, spending five years in their New York and San Francisco practices in the 1980s.

In 1989 Mara joined a World Bank Nepali earthquake reconstruction project in Kathmandu, then moved to Australia embracing community leadership roles with Greenpeace Australia and CHOICE in the 1990s.

After moving with her family to the Gold Coast hinterland, Mara became the founding CEO of Green Cross Australia in 2008.

Come along and find out how the Green Cross Australia helps people adapt to a changing climate, in ways that embrace sustainability and community resilience.

From working on the ground with young emergency service volunteers and communities impacted by severe weather events, to providing an award winning environmental education program to primary school students, and speaking out on social media, Green Cross Australia has positive practical action covered.

Come along on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> June and be inspired by Mara Bunn and the Green Cross Australia success story.

Join us Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> June, upstairs at Gecko House, 139 Duringan St, Currumbin for drinks and snacks from 6:30pm, then Mara's presentation from 7 to 8. BYO questions.

*Gecko presents a free guest speaker night on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month on topical environmental issues. 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. For more information, visit <http://gecko.org.au/guest-speaker>*

*A gold coin donation is requested per glass of wine and nibbles. Alternatively, Gecko encourages the contribution of vegetarian/organic/environmentally-thoughtful food options at all of its events.*

### **ENDS**

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