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## Media Release

### A Festival with a Difference

Gold Coast will be celebrating its 4<sup>th</sup> annual Green Week hosted by Gecko-Gold Coast and Hinterland Environment Council Assoc. Inc. (Gecko) from 30<sup>th</sup> May to 7<sup>th</sup> June with over 150 events, mostly free, scheduled throughout the city. Gold Coast Green Week complements the objective of the United Nations World Environment Day, 5<sup>th</sup> June, 2015, which is “Seven Billion Dreams, One Planet, Consume with Care.” Living within planetary boundaries is the most promising strategy for ensuring a healthy future. Human prosperity need not cost the earth. Living sustainably is about doing more and better with less.

Lynda Hull, President of Gecko said, “Green Week on the Gold Coast is all about showcasing, over 9 days, the amazing things that are already happening around to City to meet the United Nations challenge.” Activities are designed to engage and delight everyone in the community and range from a day at O’Reillys encountering our unique wildlife, to tours of Visy Recycling Centre or RockCote chemical-free building supplies company, Eco-Explorers for children and a whole raft of activities at Gold Coast City Libraries. Most of these activities are free of charge.

Rose Adams, Gecko Secretary said “Green Week is an opportunity for all Gold Coasters to enjoy the contribution of our many sustainable businesses and non-government organisations, to the health and well being of our City. Fsg, an organisation providing support to people with disabilities is a wonderful example with its Retro Revival Outlet and green shop.”

The Gold Coast has one of the highest levels of biodiversity in Australia and stunning beach and hinterland scenery. It is also subject to high levels of migration and to protect the very qualities that bring people here, improving the city’s sustainability is the key. Gecko congratulates the hundreds of volunteers and workers involved in this effort.

Gecko urges all Gold Coaster to support the Green Week festival and collect a Booklet at their local library or go online <http://goldcoastgreenweek.com/> to check out the activities of interest to them.

Lynda added, “At Gecko we are proud to be the torch bearers for the Gold Coast environment. We celebrate the power of the individual and groups to provide hope for the future generations by making changes to our present behaviours and encourage all to embrace these changes.”

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