

## Media Release It's Time- Rise for Climate

### **Northern Rivers and Gold Coast "Rise for Climate" rally, 8th September, at Tweed Heads**

"Rise for Climate" is a worldwide, annual day of action organised by 350.org. Community groups in Tweed, Byron, Lismore and Gold Coast are joining together on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September, at the Anzac Memorial precinct, Jack Evans Boat Harbour, Tweed Heads, near Wharf Street, from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm.

Gold Coast - based Gecko Environment Council Secretary Rose Adams said, "Gecko is fully supportive of the action led by The Caldera Environment Centre and we urge Gold Coasters to join us on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup>. We demand that our local leaders commit to action on climate change that builds a fossil free world putting people and justice before profits. We join with thousands of rallies in towns and cities all around the globe, including most Australian capital cities."

"Both Queensland and New South Wales are in the grip of one of their most severe droughts. Wild fires and heatwaves are happening in the Northern hemisphere. Climate change is happening. Here on the Gold Coast we are already seeing impacts on local native species through diminishing quality of habitat, which provides the water, shelter and food essential to life."

"On a human scale, the increasingly hot summers are resulting in more deaths from heat stress which could be avoided with climate mitigation and adaptation."

"It's time for a fast and fair transition to 100% renewable energy for all! Humanity is at a crossroads. By 2020 net greenhouse gas emissions must begin to fall globally, in order to mitigate the climate crisis."

The Northern Rivers and Gold Coast "Rise for Climate" rally is an opportunity for concerned citizens to come together and demand real action on global climate change. There will be an assembly with speakers and musical entertainment. Bring the family, a picnic and sun protection.

In the days following the worldwide rallies, cities, states, businesses and civil society from around the world are gathering in California for the Global Climate Action Summit. The Summit has invited every mayor, governor, and local leader in the world, whether they're at the summit or not, to make a bold climate commitment to help the world reach the goals of the Paris Climate Agreement.

You can register at <https://actionnetwork.org/events/rise-for-climate-rally---and-street-march>.

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