

# Nature Talks Press Release

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**What are you wearing? If you don't know where it was made, what it's made from or where it will end up, take it off!**

Following on from the successful *Undress Runways* sustainable fashion event in Surfers Paradise on 26<sup>th</sup> April, Edda Hamar will be returning to the Gold Coast to shed light on some of the murky facts that the fashion industry would prefer to keep in the closet; from the massive carbon, water and waste footprints of clothing, to the sweatshop labour conditions endured by most garment factory workers.

Edda will be encouraging us to take a hard look at what we're wearing and showing how we can all dress sustainably and ethically, without compromising on style. All are welcome to come along and take inspiration from the sustainable collections featured in the recent runway show. Please note the new venue for this guest speaker presentation.



**Who:** Edda Hamar, founder of *Undress Runways*

**When:** 28th May, 6.30pm for networking meet and greet.  
Presentation begins at 7pm.

**Where:** The Cove @ Alleys, Currumbin RSL, 165 Duringan St,  
Currumbin QLD 4223

Order food at La Vista Café before 6.30 pm and join members of the Gecko team on the terrace for a chat before the presentation.

**Call Gecko on:** 5534 1412 (10am - 3pm Monday - Friday) or email us at: [office@gecko.org.au](mailto:office@gecko.org.au)

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## **What is Gecko?**

Gecko - Gold Coast and Hinterland Environment Council is the peak regional environment group.

Established in 1989, Gecko is a volunteer, not-for-profit, non-party-political, community-minded group which works to achieve its aims through avenues such as campaign action, conducting a wide range of educational events and activities, responding to public concerns, media releases, maintaining an up-to-date environmental resource library, and active hands-on revegetation work. Gecko is funded via memberships, donations, hall hire, volunteer labour, and through applying for grants. Some recent awards have included: \*National winners of best Clean Up Australia Day coordination

### **Gecko Mission Statement:**

To actively promote, protect, conserve and restore the natural environment, and improve the sustainability of the built environment of the Gold Coast region in partnership with our Member Groups and the wider community.

## **What is Undress Runways?**

Undress Runways is Australia's biggest sustainable fashion event, with annual runway shows in Brisbane, Melbourne and Gold Coast.

Established in 2011, Undress Runways aims to support and showcase emerging and established sustainable designers, while also inspiring us to shift our mindsets and take action to reduce the ecological footprint of our clothes.

Popping up at in a nearby car park, serving organic cocktails and offering nothing but recycle-inspired furniture pieces to sit on, Undress Runways is creating an atmosphere for change.