



## What is Gecko?

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Gecko members are volunteers and the organisation is managed by an elected Management Committee. Gecko is recognised as the peak regional environmental organisation by all three levels of Government.

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In **2010** Gecko members are involved in a range of activities, including:

- **Youth Earth Network** – a group of young people interested and active in a variety of environmental activities throughout the community
- **'Healthy Planet' projects** – focusing on reducing carbon pollution and mitigating climate change in homes, in organisations, and throughout the general community
- **GeckoEd** – providing quality environmental education to schools and the community
- **Campaigns** such as saving the Gold Coast's koalas, removal of shark nets, protection of local National Parks, transport issues, sustainable housing, water management...
- **Bush regeneration** at Nicoll Scrub, Elanora Wetlands and Tarraborra Reserve
- **Events** including Environmental Awards, Clean Up Australia Day, Green Day Out festival, Youth Earth Symposium, and a Gecko stall presence at other events
- **Guest Speakers** on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of each month at 6:30pm.
- **Submissions to government** and consulting on current issues, e.g the Draft Queensland Government Coastal Management Plan
- A monthly **e-newsletter** and an environmental **library / resource centre** open to all
- Finding and applying for **grants** to continue our work

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**Mission Statement:** To actively promote, protect, conserve and restore the natural environment and improve the built environment of the Gold Coast region in partnership with our member groups and the wider community

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