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### REPTILE RAMBLINGS

by Aaron Baker.

A big thanks to Lisa and Darrin from Top End Pythons for coming along and giving a great talk. For those of us who were lucky enough to hear their talk, we got a rare look at their breeding rooms and rodent facility. Lisa and Darrin also brought along a few beautiful animals for us to have a look at and they were amazing to say the least.

We also made the exciting announcement that next year's show will be held at the new larger location, Illawarra Sports Stadium at Fred Finch Park, Berkeley. This new location has much more parking is well lit and caters for all weather conditions. The show is going to be held on Sunday the 3rd of April and on the night before we will have our catered speakers night which is going to be a great night indeed with a few speakers already lined up.

We have our family day at Shoalhaven Zoo in October coming up so don't forget to put your name down so we can cater for everyone.

If you haven't already renewed your membership, don't forget they are due.

Our speaker next month is Darren Earnshaw, renowned skink breeder. Come along and hear about some interesting skinks and have a look at some great shinglebacks and possibly more.

Until next time, happy herping!

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Meetings are held on the **first Monday of the month at 6.30pm at Fairy Meadow Community Centre, Guest Park**, cnr Princes Hwy and Cambridge Ave, Fairy Meadow (opposite Woolworths)

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## Dates for your diary

September 7

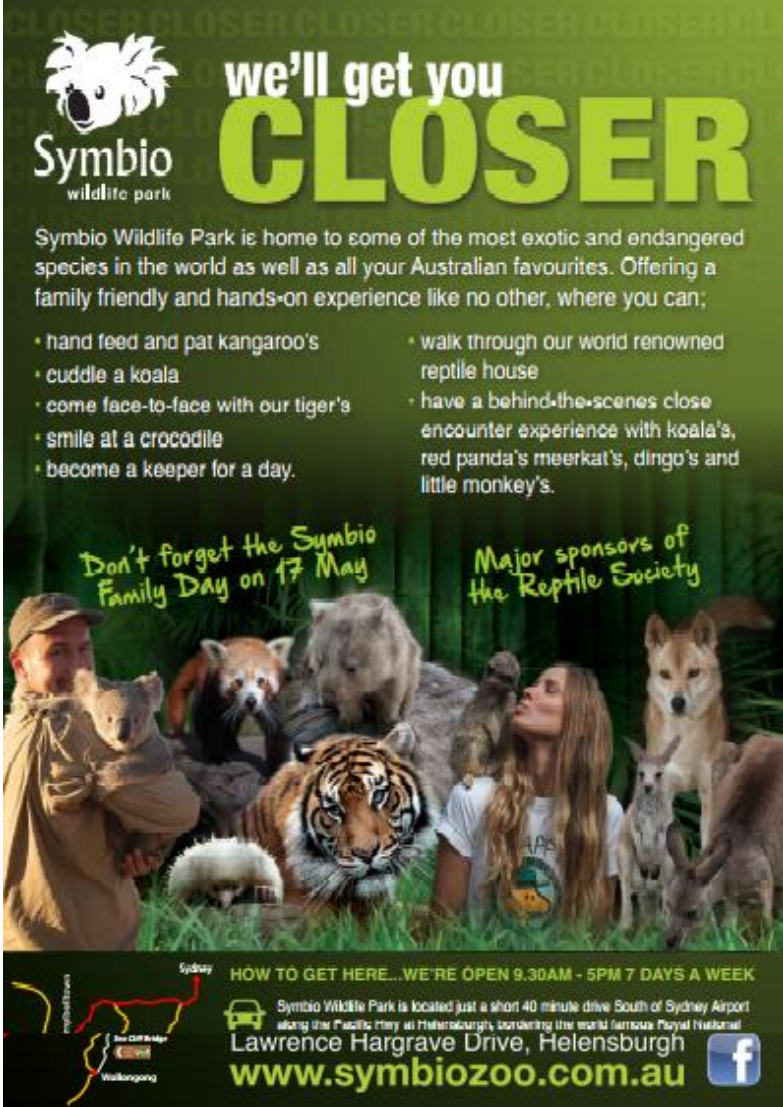
**Illawarra Reptile Society meeting at Fairy Meadow Community Centre. 6.30pm start. Special guest:** Darren Earnshaw, renowned skink breeder. Come along and hear about some interesting skinks and see some great shinglebacks and more.

October 5

**Illawarra Reptile Society meeting at Fairy Meadow Community Centre. 6.30pm start.** Join us for the kids meeting. Pizza night and talking about hatchy set ups, etc.

October 18

**Shoalhaven Zoo Family Day.** Meeting point – new BBQ area. BBQ lunch provided. Please let Jo (0433064460) know if you're coming ASAP.



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Sponsors are greatly appreciated because they help keep the Illawarra Reptile Society in the black ;) Please help us welcome our new sponsor – Top End Python

## 2016 Illawarra Reptile Society Show

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The date has been set for next year's Reptile Show. It will be held on 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2016 at the Illawarra Sports Stadium at Fred Finch Park, Berkeley.

With a brand new location, more parking and the entire show undercover, the 2016 show will be bigger and better and not to be missed!

New for 2016 will be a **dinner with special guest speakers** which will be held on 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2016. More details to come but seats will be limited.

Mark it in your diary!

## Goodbye and Good Luck!

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The Illawarra Reptile Society would like to wish one of our members, Lauren (from Symbio), all the best as she heads off to Dubai for seven months to work.

We are looking forward to seeing pictures and hearing about Lauren's adventures on our facebook page.



## MEMBERSHIPS ARE DUE!

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If you haven't already, please renew your memberships ASAP at the next meeting or by direct depositing into the Reptile Society's bank account:

**ANZ BSB 012593 ACCOUNT 197838498.**

**Please include your name as a reference.**

## New Members!

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*Welcome!*

We are excited to welcome the following people who have recently become members of the Illawarra Reptile Society:

John Tholen; Dennis Hancock; Bruce Cartwright; Charmaine Raymonde; Michell Fabris

## Grab an Illawarra Reptile Society hoodie!

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Winter is here! A great way to stay warm is in one of the Society's hoodies.

They are \$50.00 each.

If you would like to order one, please see Nina at the meeting or can email her at - [illawarrareptilesociety2015@gmail.com](mailto:illawarrareptilesociety2015@gmail.com)

A \$20 deposit is needed prior to ordering and can be given to Nina at the next meeting or deposited into the IRS bank account using your name as a reference.

# This Happened Last Month

Lisa and Darrin from Top End Pythons were the guest speakers at last month's meeting. They shared rare photos of their reptile room and their rodent facility as well as sharing their story of how they fell in love with reptiles and became breeders. They also brought along some of their beautiful snakes for all to see.



Photo credit: Annabelle Gray; Nina Markwell

### Woman dies from suspected snake bite in South Fremantle

An elderly woman has died from a suspected snake bite in South Fremantle.

Paramedics attended South Beach Promenade about 1:30pm on Saturday after receiving a call the woman had suffered a suspected bite.



She was taken to the Fiona Stanley Hospital with respiratory issues, but later died.

Police said the Coronial Investigation Unit was investigating the woman's death.

A spokesperson said the cause of death was yet to be confirmed, and a report would be prepared for the coroner.

Saturday was the warmest August day in Perth in 17 years, and experts have warned that snake encounters often increase in hotter weather.

The Department of Parks and Wildlife (DPAW) has previously said it was not unusual to find venomous snakes, including dugites and tiger snakes, in the Perth metropolitan area.

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