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by Jo Payne

Welcome to 2017 members! What a Christmas meeting we had with the IRS filled to capacity. Peter Harlow spoke on his trips to record the plight of the Fijian Crested Iguana which has had its populations decimated due to many factors including the introduction of cats and foxes. The IRS is sponsoring Peter and his studies and we hope we can help him out a lot in the future.

Andrew Melrose also bought down some critters for the members to have a play with. The crocodile was a huge hit and we thank Andrew for taking the trip down to us again.

February meeting sees Brett Coombes coming to talk about his experiences at a large breeding facility in America.

The show preparations are again in full swing. If you can help out in the lead up or on the days, that would be much appreciated. As you know, this is all based on volunteers helping to make the show run smoothly and this year, we will be providing food after setup on the Saturday and after clean up Sunday to say thank you! Please put your name down at the meeting or flick me a text to let me know you can help out. Thanking you in advance. See you there!

Until next time, Happy Herping





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)

LUCKY DOOR PRIZE at each meeting! Sausage Sizzle \$2.00; Drinks \$1.00; FREE tea and coffee

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Snaps from our December Christmas Meeting

Another great Christmas meeting, big thank you to Peter Harlow from Taronga for his talk on the Fijian Crested Iguana, and Andrew Melrose for bringing 2 beautiful reptiles to get up and personal with.























2nd April 2017





10.00am - 3.00pm

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Dates for your Diary and IRS Information

DATES

February 6, 2017

IRS Meeting Fairy Meadow 6:30pm. Guest Speaker will be Brett Coombes. Brett is the president of the Shoalhaven Reptile Society and will talk about his experiences in a large breeding facility in the USA.

April, 2017

NO IRS Meeting this Month due to the Show.

April 1, 2017

Speaker Night (post show setup). Guest Speakers TBA

April 2, 2017

IRS Annual Reptile Show. Set up for show will be Saturday 9-4 and show is 10-3 Sunday. Forms for showing will be sent out asap and available at the meeting in Feb, as will flyers.

March 6, 2017

IRS Meeting Fairy Meadow 6:30pm. Guest Speaker TBA

<u>INFORMATION</u>

2017 Memberships. If you haven't already renewed your membership it is now overdue, so please contact Kathy Hicks ASAP.

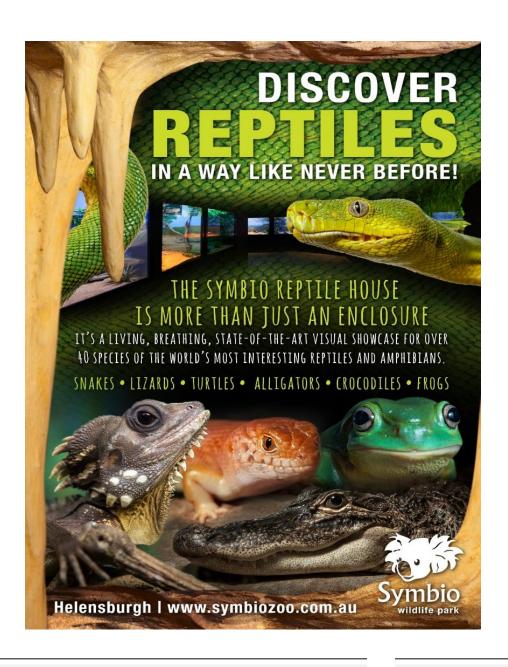
IRS MEMBERSHIP: Yearly Membership runs from August, prices are \$20 Single & \$30 Family and just some of the many benefits include:

- One Free Entry to Shoalhaven Zoo (Single or Family based on Membership)
- Discounts from our Sponsors
- Family Day at Symbio (normally in MAY)
- Family Day at Shoalhaven Zoo (normally in OCT)
- Annual Kids night (reptile show & tell) at OCT IRS Meeting
- Catered Christmas Dinner at our DEC IRS Meeting

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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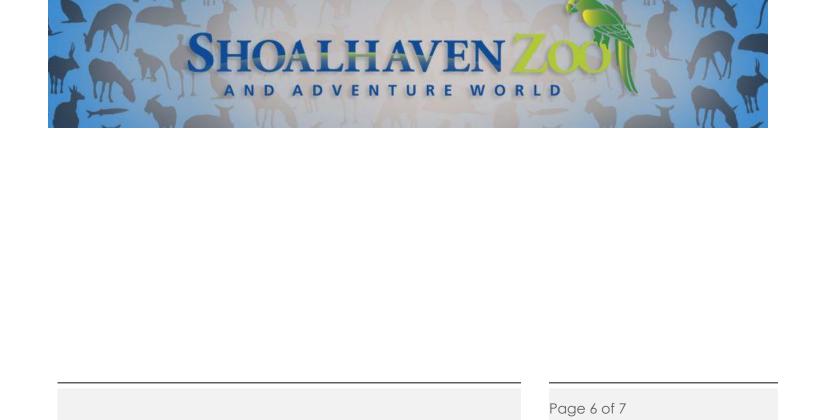




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