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REPTILE RAMBLINGS

Welcome to the reptile ramblings for the month of June! This month's meeting was our AGM, it was a long meeting with many discussions had that included members voting for two new changes to take place. This included what the club deems a child, the age was raised from 16 to 18 years of age, as such all children can remain under a family membership until the age of 18.

The second change voted on by members on the night was family membership voting at the AGM. This was previously limited to one vote for a family membership and has now been increased to two adults being able to vote on the night of the AGM for who they would like to see as a committee member!

I would like to thank Paul Menegazzo for doing a fantastic job of running the AGM in a very smooth professional manor and keeping it a civil affair! We must also congratulate Garth Rankin and Fay Smith for being nominated for the life members award! These two wonderful people have dedicated over 20 years to not only the Illawarra Reptile Society but also helping any person from the Illawarra and around Australia with any reptile related concerns or advice they might have!

The next meeting is July 2nd and we have Amanda Brett Exotic Veterinarian coming to talk about some of her research that shes been doing on Carpet pythons! Amanda is a real up and comer in the world of reptile veterinarian practices and has spent time working overseas to gain much needed knowledge of how vets abroad treat reptiles so she can bring that knowledge to our native species! If you want to listen and chat with a vet completely dedicated to reptile treatment then this is your chance!

Look forward to seeing you all there!

Happy Herping
Andrew Horlor
President



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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Paula Pereira
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Dates for your Diary and IRS Information

DATES

July 2nd

IRS MEETING FAIRYMEADOW 6:30pm. Guest speaker will be vet Amanda Brett from Nowra.

August 6th

IRS Meeting Fairy Meadow 6:30pm.

September 3rd

IRS Meeting Fairy Meadow 6:30pm.

October 21

Shoalhaven Zoo. IRS Members Family Day. Tentative Date

June Meeting

June was our AGM

Aaron Baker has stepped away from the committee due to commitments in his life at the moment. Aaron has been on the committee as President and Vice President for quite a few years now. He will remain as an active member of the society and I'm sure we can coax him back to give a talk on his travels in Africa when he returns. Thankyou to Aaron for all you have contributed to the society.

The committee has had a bit of a shuffle around with some new faces and some old faces returning. Congratulations to all the committee members on their appointment

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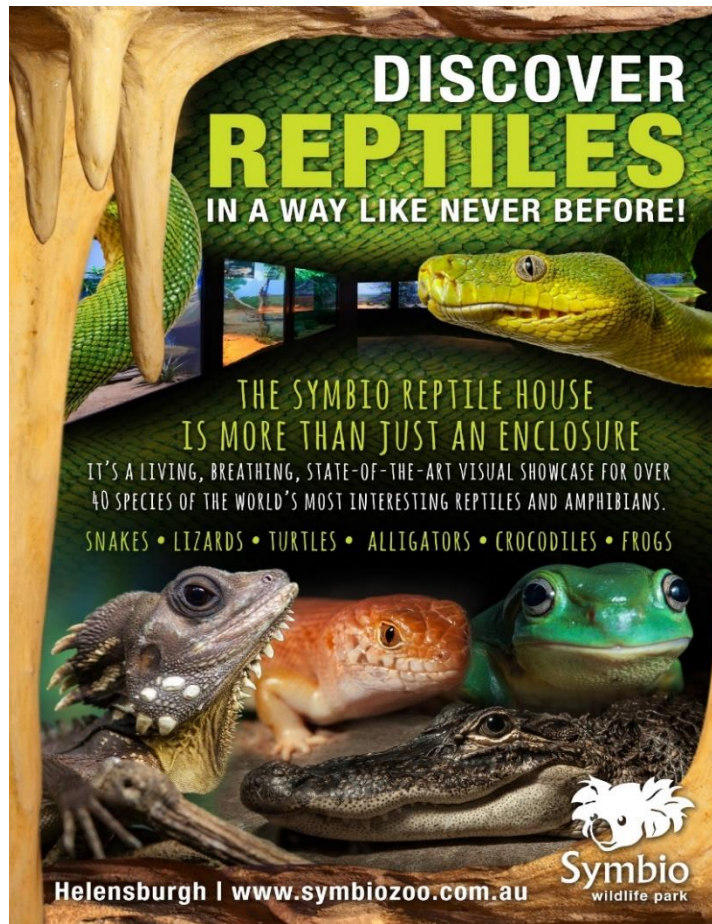
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<p>FOR SALE: 2 x hatchling Wheatbelt Stimsons female \$150.00 each 1 x hatchling Albion Darwin male \$350.00</p> <p>Andy – 0424 383 131</p>	<p>I Still have a couple of animals needing homes. There is a male bearded dragon and a blue tongue. These animals are located in Appin. Please contact via email if you are interested. illawarrareptilesociety2015@gmail.com.au</p>

Important information about the HCN

All of the Herp societies and a group of other interested Herpetologists have helped to form the Herpetocultural Cooperative of NSW. This group is designed to represent all the Reptile breeders, keepers, exhibitors and interested parties involved in any way with Herpetology. It will help us to have informed discussions about changes to laws and licensing of Reptiles in NSW, give any interested parties the opportunity to voice their ideas and opinions so that we can make informed decisions and have a unified voice when dealing with Government departments. If you want to know more or if you want to be involved please join their facebook page for updates about what we are doing and information about proposed changes to licensing and other laws relating to keeping reptiles. Please note that the HCN is a non for profit organisation. So far it's costs have been funded by the NSW Herpetological Societies however the HCN will accept personal donations to help them with their costs. It is run completely by volunteers so we don't expect high running costs but there will be some administration costs, website creation and mangagement and other fees that need to be covered. At this stage they have decided not to offer memberships but if that changes we will let you know. Donation information will go up on on their facebook page soon. <https://www.facebook.com/HerpetoculturalCooperativeNSW/>

For the IRS, Jo Payne and Aaron Baker are delegates. We attended the first meeting on Sunday the 17th June 2018. The meeting was well attended by all Societies. The meeting was to discuss the proposed changes to reptile licensing. If you would like to contribute, please do via the facebook page or alternatively, by email to the society.

Indonesian woman dies after being swallowed whole by a python

By [Chris Irvine](#) | Fox News



Villagers launched a search for a woman who went missing on Thursday but were horrified to find a bloated snake; upon cutting it open they found the woman's body (iStock)

An Indonesian mother has died after being swallowed whole by a 23-foot-long python.

The woman, Wa Tiba, 54, went missing while tending to her vegetable garden near her village on Muna Island in Southeast Sulawesi province on Thursday, according to the village chief, Faris.

When her family went to look for her, they found only her belongings in the garden, including her sandals, a machete and a flashlight.

The village subsequently launched a search for her but were horrified to find the python with a severely bloated belly just 50 yards from the garden.

Faris said the villagers killed the snake and when they cut open its belly, they found the woman's body still intact wearing all her clothes.

Local police chief Hamka, who only has one name like many Indonesians, said: "Residents were suspicious the snake swallowed the victim, so they killed it, then carried it out of the garden.

"The snake's belly was cut open and the body of the victim was found inside."

Local villager Ayu Kartika said: "Everyone cried and was in shock. That poor woman. It looked like a horror movie. The people are terrified, afraid to go outside."