

# Index of ACT Herpetological Association Inc. Newsletter Content

\* indicates historical articles relating to endangered reptiles of Canberra

As at August 2018

## 1986: List of Guest Speakers

- April - 'Microhabitat occupancy and bushfire survival strategies of reptiles in moist tall open forest in the ACT', Will Osborne
- May - 'Amphibians of Kakadu National Park', Ken Thomas
- July - 'Herpetofauna of Hong Kong', Michael Lau and 'Reptiles and frogs of the Northern Territory', John Wombey
- August - 'The Elapid Atlas of Australian Reptiles reaches completion', Ric Longmore
- October - 'The sea turtles of Bramble Bay', David Carter and 'Mallee reptiles and fire ecology at Round Hill', Judy Caughley

## 1987: List of Guest Speakers

- February - 'A herpetological survey at Yathong Nature Reserve', Klaus Henle
- March - 'The Warradjan - Australia's most unusual turtle', Arthur Georges
- April - 'Relocating crocodiles in the Northern Territory', Rob Jenkins
- May - 'Reptiles of Kakadu' John Wombey
- June - 'Breeding Blue-tongued Lizards', Paul Scanlan
- July - 'Chappell Island Tigers', Ross Bennett
- August - 'Rainforest reptiles', Mark Shuster
- September - 'The Nullarbor reptiles and other wildlife', David Carter
- October - 'Reptiles of Western Australia', John Wombey
- December - 'Herpetofauna of Queensland', Ross Bennett

## 1988: List of Guest Speakers

- January - 'Herpetofauna of Thailand', Dean Ward
- February - 'Captive maintenance of reptiles', Ron Dencio
- April - 'Desert dwellings of lizards of the Namid', Paul Cooper
- May - 'Herpetofauna of South Australia', Steve Sarre
- June \* - 'Corroboree Frogs: their ecology and conservation', Will Osborne
- July - 'Colour confusion: variations within some species of reptiles', Ross Bennett
- August - 'Reptiles of the Bathurst region', Gavin Waters
- October - 'Frogs of the ACT', Will Osborne

## ACTHA Newsletters containing articles

### March 1986

- Jervis Bay herpetofauna survey, species record sheet and details

### April 1987

- Newspaper articles on Paul Scanlan's two headed blue-tongue lizard plus a two headed python in America
- 'Veterinary report on a children's python which swallowed a stone', by Honey Pyner
- 'The protection and keeping of animals in the ACT and Jervis Bay Territory', ACT Parks and Conservation Service pamphlet
- 'The cross breeding of a male diamond Python with a female Carpet Python (Brisbane variety)', RKA News
- A three legged red-eared turtle appears in New Zealand

### May 1987

- 'Rare anaconda gives birth at reptile park' and 'Snakes aggressive only if provoked' newspaper articles
- 'Keeping reptiles as pets' advice from NSW NPWS

### June 1987

- 'Breeding of blue-tongue lizards', by Paul Scanlan
- 'Reptile breeding: a justifiable goal?', RKA Journal
- 'Note on captive breeding of the Taipan - Neville Burns', RKA Journal

**Aug 1987**

- 'A 12 year old boy has amazed naturalists and made Australian wildlife history by creating a new breed of lizard - blue-tongue x shingle-back' newspaper article

**Dec 1987**

- Member Dean Ward proposes ACTHA conduct a survey to see if this lizard is extinct in the ACT

**Sept 1988**

- \*- Members meet at Coppins Crossing to search for the endangered *Aprasia parapulchella*, 11 specimens found
- Western Swamp tortoise at Perth Zoo, newspaper article

**Feb 1989**

- Excursion reports: 'Bathurst district to search for the rare earless dragon *Tympanocryptis lineata*' and 'Ginni Flats in Brindabella Range reptiles and amphibians'
- Around town: Burton's Legless Lizard

**April 1989**

- ACTHA background notes/history
- 'Weird weather has the north's nature on the hop', the platypus frog, Sydney Morning Herald Dec '88 article
- 'Toadbusters aim to wipe out cane toads within 5 years in Brisbane', SMH article Mar '89

**May 1989**

- 'Shingle-backs, genetics & conservation, Steve Sarre, advertised speaker at Mtg
- 'Australian Frogs', by Michael J Tyler, book review by Will Osborne
- Fieldtrip to David Carter's study site at Deua, by Jo Vandermark
- 'Turtles & tortoises: telling the difference workshop', Arthur Georges & team, held in April
- List of inaugural members of ACTHA

**June 1989**

- 'Gharial, *Gavialis gangeticus*, fish eating crocodile' video, David Carter, advertised speaker at Mtg
- 'There's a frog in my stomach' by Michael J Tyler, book review by David Carter
- ACTHA field trips advertised: Rosedale, Ballaba, Deua, Behind the scenes at Aust Museum & Taronga Zoo
- 'My trip to Araluen' by Andrew Hill

**Jul 1989**

- 'Crocodiles, fresh and salt water', David Carter, advertised speaker at Mtg
- Historic ACTHA Meeting, 32 members at June Annual General Meeting for unanimous adoption of a Constitution for the ACT Herpetological Association.
- Dr Richard Barwick, public officer profile
- ACTHA field trips advertised: Rosedale, Deua, Barren Grounds Bird Observatory, Jameroo (Ross Bennett leading)
- Anna Nathan preparing sketch design for screen printing of *Physignathus leseurii* on T-shirts
- 'Man on the rim: the peopling of the Pacific', member Alan Thorne presents an 11 part TV series
- 'Australia's reptiles: a photographic reference to the terrestrial reptiles of Australia', by Stephen K. Wilson & David G. Knowles, book review by Ric Longmore
- 'Hemiergis maccoyi' article
- 'QLD turtle research project' call for volunteer training

**Aug 1989**

- 'Dinosaurs: were they really the ultimate reptile?', Russell Moran, advertised speaker at Mtg
- Notes on breeding *Morelia spilota spilota x variegata*, by Ron Dencio
- Suggestion: ACTHA Cunningham Skink Survey, by Nick and Alan Thorne
- Should ACTHA sponsor a reptile at Taronga Park Zoo
- Field trip to Burrawarra Point, South Rosedale, 6-7 August '89, article by Tim Deveson
- Funding for ACTHA Gippsland Water Dragon Project accepted by The Peter Rankin Trust Fund
- Sydney field trip to the Aust Museum, Taronga Zoo & Eric Worrell's Australian Reptile Park, 7-9 July '89
- 'Crocodile parachutes into a swimming pool and attacks children', UK newspaper article
- Snowy River Croc nee the Water Dragon

**Sept 1989**

- 'Herpetofauna of Australia's Top End', Dr Robert Jenkins, advertised speaker for Mtg
- Ric Longmore, member profile
- ACTHA has a new letterhead, Gippsland Water Dragon drawing by Frank Knight
- The Schools' Science Fair, Charles Atkinson judges two herpetology entries
- Orroral Valley ACTHA excursion, 27 Aug '89, by Norman Morrison
- '6m, 113kg Python caught in Florida'
- ACTHA Committee Mtg: newly constituted ACTHA to join The Australasian Assoc of Herpetological Soc
- 'Frogs: Australian Junior Field Guides', by Eleanor Stodart, book review by Fiona Brand
- Herp Techniques Short Course, NSW TAFE
- Small-eyed Snake *Cryptophus nigrescens* 9 specimens found (6 by ACTHA) in the ACT: an unusual occurrence in this region.
- ACTHA field trip to Moodong property (Captains Flat to Braidwood) on Sun 3 Sept '89

**Oct 1989**

- 'The Herpetofauna of Australia', Dr Harold Cogger, advertised speaker for Mtg
- 'What is a Dinosaur?' (5 pages), by Russell Moran
- 'Communal mating of Diamond Pythons, 5 day ACTHA field trip', article by Jo Vandermark
- First World Congress of Herpetology, 11-19 Sept '89, UK, Ric Longmore, David Carter & Arthur Georges att
- Snake article plus Tiger Snake ACTHA field trip
- 3 ACTHA excursions advertised: 'Round Hill Nature Reserve', 'Goanna trekking in Deua', 'Frog finding'
- 'Care of Australian Reptiles in Captivity, by John Weigel', book review by Paul Scanlan and Gerry Hill
- 'The Bearded Dragon', newspaper article based on interview with Jo Vandermark

**Nov 1989**

- 'Snakes of the ACT', Ric Longmore, advertised speaker for Mtg
- Round Hill Nature Reserve, NSW, ACTHA field trip, 21-22 Oct '89, by Norm Morrison
- 'Graeme Gow's Complete Guide to Australian Snakes', book review by Ric Longmore
- ACTHA field trip to Deua to observe goannas
- Fox predation of Canberra turtles
- 'Boy swallows pet slider turtle which is removed alive after 2 days', UK newspaper article
- Four CCAE (UC) students complete undergraduate projects on reptiles

**Dec 1989**

- 'First International Symposium on Varanids', Bonn West Germany, 20 - 22 Sept 1989, by David Carter
- 'A new herping technique: environmentally friendly binoculars', by Gerry Hill
- 'Australian Reptiles and Frogs' by Raymond T. Hoser, book review by Alan Thorne
- A review of 'The Herpetological Techniques Course' at Sydney TAFE, by Ken Thomas
- Frog field excursion on lower slopes of Mount Ainslie, Mon 4 Dec led by John Wombey, by M Conway
- ACTHA tee shirt design (goanna)

**Feb 1990**

- 'The Natural History of the Gippsland Water Dragon', Peter Harlow, advertised speaker for Mtg
- Strange encounter between a *Delma inornata* and a Kestrel, by Kerryn Holleley
- \*- 'Hello frog! ACTHA excursion to Mt Ginini Flats area to look for the Corroboree Frog, led by Will Osborne', article by Jenny Morrison
- 'Herpetofauna' publication profile, by Ric Longmore
- 'Herping Around Australia', by Warwick Smith
- 'Super frogs spawn a crisis: Goliath frogs weighing up to 6.8kg enrage other entrants of the annual Frog Jump Jubilee', USA newspaper article

**March 1990**

- Frog Workshop at the ANU: 'Australia's disappearing frogs', Mike Tyler advertised speaker for Mtg
- \*- 'The Corroboree Frog: A high mountain specialist', notes based on an article for Australian Natural History magazine, by Will Osborne
- 'A failed and reformed reptile keeper from way back', by Gerry Hill
- 'Captive Breeding of Gippsland Water Dragons', by James Fitzgerald
- 'Tale of a python at Guerilla Bay', by Alan Thorne
- 'There's a frog in my throat/stomach' by Michael Tyler, book review by David Carter
- 'Australian Frogs by Michael Tyler', book review by Will Osborne

**April 1990**

- 'The Fierce Snake: *Parademansia microlepidota* or *Oxyuranus microlepidota*?' John Wombey, advertised speaker for Mtg
- 'Exciting new locality record for the ACT: James Fitzgerald finds the Nobby Dragon near the lower Molonglo sewerage works', by Ric Longmore
- Great response to the Frog Workshop with 176 people attending, Mike Tyler, guest speaker
- 'Colour and Pattern in Australian Pythons', by Nick and Alan Thorne
- 'Report on the Herpetological Techniques Course at Sydney TAFE', by Debbie Gawin
- \*- 'Gungahlin external transport system', ACTHA excursion to investigate
- Reptiles of round Hill Nature Reserve, Central NSW, by Leonie Andrews
- 'Crocs rule by heat of moment: suggestion that global warming could affect the gender balance of croc, turtle and other eggs', newspaper article

**May 1990**

- 'Australian Fossil Fishes and the Origins of the Amphibia', Dr Richard Barwick, advertised speaker for Mtg
- 'Declining amphibian populations: a global phenomenon? An Australian perspective' (12 pages), by Michael Tyler, Uni of Adelaide
- Two goanna species in the ACT region: ACT P&CS want dead animals and photos of live ones
- Report on ACTHA beginners excursion near Hall on 8 Apr '90, by Leon Horsnell
- \*- ACTHA excursions to view proposed freeway routes through Gungahlin, and a Brindabella search for Corroboree Frogs

**June 1990**

- New BBC film 'Enter the Dragons', introduced by David Carter
- Turtle Safari in the NT, May '90, Arthur Georges
- ACTHA Committee meet with ACT P&CS to discuss how best to work together to further the cause of reptiles and amphibians in the ACT
- 'The breeding of pythons in the ACT', by Ron Dencio
- \*- '*Aprasia parapulchella* range extension, one found on Burra Road', and 'Good sized - *Drysdalia rhodogaster*', both articles by Jo Vandermark
- 'What else were we to do?' a Red-bellied Black Snake bite on a bushwalk far from help, by Reg Alder

**July 1990**

- 'Atlas of ACT Reptiles', Mark Lintermans and Liz Dovey will instruct ACTHA members on how to formally record field notebooks so that they can contribute to official records
- 'Chappel Island Tiger Snakes', Ross Bennett, advertised speaker for July Mtg, newspaper article and some notes included
- 'Mon Repos Turtle Research Program', by Paul Cheeseman, Jan '90
- 'Reminiscences of a herpetologist', by Ric Longmore
- 'Winter herping at Burra', by Mieke Van Den Bergh
- 'The European Adder, *Adder-vipera berus*', UK, by C. Atkinson
- 'Frogs spell danger for earth' newspaper article on a trend biologists say appears linked to the planet's deteriorating environment
  - Peter Rankin Trust Fund for Herpetology: call for applications, the Australia Museum
  - New members kit

**Aug 1990**

- 'Reptiles of the Rainforest', Jeanette Covacevich, Senior Curator (Vertebrates) QLD Museum, advertised speaker for Mtg
- \*- ACTHA field trip: 'Survey of Pink-tailed Legless Lizard on Mt Taylor' on Sun 12 Aug '90, will be led by Will Osborne
- 'The Biology and Evolution of Australian Lizards' by Allen E. Greer, book review by John Wombey
- 'Characterizing Banjo Frog Burrows', by Don Driscoll, 3rd year research project at Melb Uni Burra Survey Project: initial call for ACTHA members to conduct a herp survey of a 500 acre property at Burra over a period of 2 years. Article includes all the survey details Di Weaver and Will Osborne, member profiles and student news
- Crossword, turtle theme
- ACT P&CS outlines permit requirements under the 1980 Nature Conservation Act
- 'Status of Australian Herpetofauna under CITES', by Hank Jenkins

**Sept 1990**

- 'Great mysteries of the north: Does the Northern Long-neck Turtle lay its eggs underwater?' Rod Kennett, advertised speaker for Mtg
- The first of an historical series of articles on Australian herpetology. Gerard Krefft 1830 - 1881
- 'What does it take to make your turtle smile?', by Mike Palmer-Allen
- \*- ACTHA member *Aprasia* survey on Mt Taylor, 12 Aug '90, article by Gerry Hill
- 'Rainforest Reptiles', Jeanette Covacevich, speaker at Aug '90 Mtg
- ACTHA Burra Survey Project attended by 25 members, Sun 2 Sept '90
- Turtle Crossword answers
- 'ACT Schools Science Fair at Woden Plaza, Thur 9 Aug '90, article by Charles Atkinson
- News article on the worldwide disappearance of frogs, article based on an interview with Dr Mike Tyler
- Crossword, Elapid theme

**Oct 1990**

- 'Photographing reptiles', John Wombey and Hank Jenkins, advertised speakers at Mtg
- 'Notes on the identification of lizards occurring in the Burra district of NSW', by John Wombey
- ACTHA Burra Survey Project and several other excursion details
- 'Massive mortality of Long-necked Turtles *Chelodina longicollis*, at Lake Mokoan NE Vic', Feb '90, a census in Aug revealed 341 live and emaciated, and 300 dead
- The Australian Society of Herpetologists Inc (ASH) AGM 21-23 Sept, Gemini Downs SA, Steve Sarre won the Student presentation prize, article by Ric Longmore
- Historic Herpetologists: Edgar R. Waite 1866 - 1928
- 'Taronga Zoo's two Reticulated Pythons moved into a new enclosure', newspaper article
- 'Some facts on sea turtles', by Paul Cheeseman

**Nov 1990**

- 'Reptiles of the Simpson Desert', Harold Ehmann, advertised speaker at Mtg
- 'Reptiles in the Home Paddock Project', more discoveries by ACTHA members, Oct '90
- 'Frogs in the ACT region', Will Osborne's presentation at the Oct '90 Mtg
- 'ACTHA frog night excursion Mon 22 Oct '90 led by Will Osborne', article by Charles Atkinson
- Historic Herpetologists: Ludwig Glauert 1879 - 1963
- 'Introduction to the geology of Canberra', article by Monica Yeung
- 'Peter Mirtschin's snake venom plant near Tanunda SA', newspaper article

**Dec 1990**

- 'Field Guide to the Snakes and Lizards of NSW', Gerry Swan, advertised speaker to talk about his book and local herps
- 'Saving the Leatherback Turtle', article from Unesco Courier, Nov '90
- ACTHA excursion to research site near Coppin's Crossing to find Cunninghams tagged twenty years ago, Dr Richard Barwick, Sun 9 Dec '09
- Keen herpetologist: Extract from Erwin Koch-Emmery's Autobiography
- First campout at Burra for Reptiles in the Home Paddock ACTHA survey, 30 Nov '09
- 'Fauna survey of birds and mammals of a narrow stretch of land running north from Coffs Harbour to Grafton, NSW', by John Wombey
- Historic Herpetologists: Francis J. Mitchell 1929 - 1970
- 'WA Herpetologists Seek Help'. Petition to liberalise legislation and current practices for amateurs sought (Ron Dencio still awaiting permission to move his pythons from the ACT to Perth despite working at the Perth Zoo Reptile Facility)
  - James Fitzgerald and his Perentie, several Canberra Times newspaper articles
  - Student ACTHA member Miles Yeates is an ACT BHP Science Award finalist

**March 1991**

- 'The Herpetofauna of Gungahlin', Kruno Kukolic, Senior Wildlife Ecologist ACTP&CS, speaker at Mtg
- 'One year after our frog workshop', Mike Tyler reports
- Artists Hilary and her brother Martin Boscott, Brisbane, turn their backyard into a mass of Kermits or Green Tree Frogs to help the decline - 500,000 frogs later
- ACTHA AGM with a public workshop on frogs
- Four ACTHA field trips advertised: Coff's, Burra, Gungahlin, Vertebrate Atlas
- 'Leaf Tail' by Narelle Oliver, book review by Di Weaver and Paul Cheeseman

**April 1991**

- 'Snakes of South-East Australia', John Weigel, book review by Gerry Hill
- 'Royal Melbourne Zoo House', article by Chris B. Banks, Curator, Herpetology and Education Animals
- 'Notes on the geology of the Googong Hill area', ACTHA's Burra Project, by Gavin Young
- ACTHA Burra field trip, 'Reptiles in the Home Paddock project' 7 April '91
- The 1990/1991 turtle season at Mon Repos Turtle Reserve QLD, by Leonie Andrews
- 'Dragon ourselves away was the hardest part!' Alan Manning's field trip to Coffs Harbour with Jo Vandermark and Mike Tyler in tow

**May 1991**

- 'Living in sea water - why do turtles cry?', Dr Paul Cooper, advertised speaker at Mtg
- 'A snake, a thing of beauty and a joy of nature', newspaper article and write-up on '*Snakes Alive!*: an essential part of Australia's heritage', a public workshop held on Mon 22 Apr '91 at UC as part of Heritage Week. Presented by Ric Shine. 500 - 600 people attend
- 'A bite by the East Congo Burrowing Asp', by Tim Deveson

**June 1991**

- 'Counting the calories: energetics and metabolism of tropical carnivorous lizards', Dr Bryan Green, CSIRO Div of Wildlife and Ecology, advertised speaker for Mtg
- 'Why do sea turtles cry?', by Paul Cooper
- Solution to May's crossword
- Conservation Council and ACTHA, by Jo Vandermark and David Pfanner

**July 1991**

- 'Everything you wanted to know about frogs but were too repulsed to ask!', Prof Mike Tyler, advertised speaker at Mtg
- \*- 'Where have all the frogs gone?', by Mike Tyler, Uni of Adelaide
- 'Oldest known reptile found in Scotland', newspaper clipping
- 'Psst! Where can a reptile find a rattler?', CityRail's eight-car Zoo Train pulls into Sydney suburbs during the holidays, newspaper clipping
- ACTHA field trip: learn how to use your ACT Vertebrate Atlas Kit
- 'Proposed freeways linking Gungahlin with Civic: consequences of our current ignorance', call for ACTHA to get involved with the Vertebrate Atlas
- 'Our fauna's homes burn for ours', newspaper article on serious problems faced by wildlife as a result of increasing use of wood fires in Canberra

**Aug 1991**

- 'The Rainforest or Southern Angle-headed Dragon (*Hypsilurus spinipes*)', Alan Manning, speaker at Mtg
- Cross reference to changes of Genus in Australian Agamids
- 'Coming of age on the Great Barrier Reef: The Loggerhead Turtle', by Dr Colin Limpus
- Mon Repos Turtle Research Project, call for volunteers, QLD NPWS
- 'Ant-hill Pythons (*Bothrochilus perthensis*)', by Raymond Hoser
- The Vertebrate Atlas of the ACT, 27 July '91 at the Pinnacles Reserve, Hawker, article by Norman Morrison
- \*- 'Did you know that in NSW frogs are not classified as fauna?', by Sally Stephens (*of interest: need a permit to keep Corroboree frogs*)
- 'Komodo Dragons', by Fiona MacDonald-Brand
- Crossword, dragon-lizard theme
- Peter Rankin Trust Fund for Herpetology: call for applications

**Sept 1991**

- 'Reptile Research at Canberra Universities: turtles, water dragons and legless lizards', Fiona Beynon, Simon Conroy, Sandie Jones, advertised speakers at Mtg
- 'A Perentie in Canberra', by James Fitzgerald
- ACTHA field trip to Burra: 2 new frog species plus the Stone Gecko (*Diplodactylus vittatus*)
- For the second year, ACTHA awards prizes for outstanding contributions with a herpetological theme in the Schools' Science Fair (*no secondary school entry and no entry from our own 50 primary and secondary school members!*)

**Oct 1991**

- Profile - John Wombey (*parts missing*)
- ACTHA field trips

**Nov 1991**

- 'Kinghorn Centennial Lecture', Dr Hal Cogger, advertised speaker for Mtg, notes by Gerry Hill, Ross Bennett and Will Osborne
- ACTHA field trip on 1 Nov '91 to Round Hill Nature Reserve, Euabalong, Central NSW, with Hal Cogger, article by Simon Cunningham
- ACTHA frog night, Fri 25 Oct '91, led by John Wombey
- 'Leeton and Environs: A Rich but Neglected Natural History', by Richard Langdale-Smith includes amphibian and reptile sightings

- 'American snake collector fined for trying to mail three 2m Aussie pythons from WA home', he was fined A\$10,000 (US\$7,800)
- List of prices pythons are sold for in the United States, by Raymond Hoser (1981-1991, 3 pages)

### Dec 1991

- \*- Protecting ACT grassland and reserve areas, appeal to Government
- \*- 'Rediscovery of the Lined Earless Dragon (*Tympanocryptis lineata*) in the ACT', by Kruno Kukolic and Will Osborne
- 'Australian Snakes, a Natural History', by Richard Shine, book review by Ric Longmore
- 'Some like it hot - turtle egg incubation temperatures', by Arthur Georges
- Vietnamese herps, 'A preliminary list of reptiles and amphibia in Nam Cat Tien Forest Reserve, by Nguyen Quoc Thang, Zoobotanical Park, Ho Chi Minh City, 1988
- 'The evolution of sex-role reversal in the Hip-Pocket Frog: A field research project sponsored by Earthwatch', by Dr Michael Mahony
- 'A female Perentie called Julie arrives in Canberra on 21 Nov '91 as a mate for Wayne', by James Fitzgerald
- NSW TAFE Herpetological Techniques Course

### Feb - March 1992

- Mon Repos Turtle Research Centre, Bundaberg QLD, by Jo Vandermark and other ACTHA members who went on the trip as volunteers
- Nobbi Dragon sighting request, includes description of animal

### April - May 1992

- 'Problems in the biology and evolution of Australian snakes', Dr Allen Greer, speaker for Apr Mtg
- 'Lizard Diversity in Central Australian Deserts', Dr Craig James, CSIRO, advertised speaker for May Mtg
- 'Mallee Reptiles in Yookamurra Sanctuary, South Australia, Canberra students take a trip', article by Warwick Smith
- 'Male Komodo dragon takes up new home in Taronga Park Zoo', 9 Jan '92, by Dierk Von Behrens
- 'The Biology and Evolution of Australian Lizards', by Allen E. Greer, book review by John Wombey
- 'Natural History of the Arafura Filesnake, *Acrochordus arufuræ*', by Darryl Houston, Uni of Sydney

### June - July 1992

- 'Parental Care in the Hip-pocket Frog', Mike Mahoney, Uni of Adelaide, advertised speaker for June Mtg
- 'Dragons', John Wombey, advertised speaker for July Mtg
- 'In search of the world's oldest amphibians', by Gavin Young
- 'The reproductive husbandry of pythons and boas', by Alan Thorne
- ACTHA field trip to the Bredbo area, 9 May, by John Wombey
- ACTHA field trip 'Reptiles in the home paddock' on Sun 21 June, by Stephen Sarre

### Aug - Sept 1992

- Harold Ehmann, author of 'Encyclopedia of Australian Animals', advertised speaker Aug Mtg
- 'Beautiful tadpoles - reproduction in frogs', Prof Michael Tyler, advertised speaker for Sept Mtg
- 'Sex and the hip pocket frog', by Michael Mahony
- 'Snakes of Australia - Dangerous and Harmless', Peter Mirtschin & Richard Davis, book review by Ric Longmore
- Progress report on ACTHA's continuing research project at the Anderson's Burra property, 21 June 1992
- \*- 'The Natural and Cultural Significance of Mulligan's Flat, Gungahlin ACT', Joint Submission by six member organisations of the Conservation Council to Hon Rosemary Follett on 27 July 1992, by Dierk Von Behrens
- ACT P&CS asks for ACTHA's input on its 'Reptile Policy' and 'Contributions to the - Vertebrate Atlas of the ACT'
- ACTHA field trip on 23 May '92 to Mongarlowe NSW, by Paul Scanlan



**Oct - Nov 1992**

- 'Reptiles and frogs of the Snowy Mountains', Dr Will Osborne, advertised speaker for Oct Mtg
- 'Australia Day Honours List: John Cann awarded', by Arthur Georges
- 'Freshwater Tortoises of Australia', John Cann, advertised speaker for Nov Mtg
- 'Encyclopedia of Australian Animals: Frogs', Michael Tyler, book review by Will Osborne
- 'Review of unusual aspects of Pyopodid behaviour and morphology', by Paul Scanlan
- 'Historical Herpetologists: Dr Glen Milton Storr 1921 - 1990', by Brad Maryan
- \*- ACTHA members take a field trip on 26 Sept '92 to the Hume Industrial Estate ACT to search for reptiles.  
(*Earless Dragons found in numbers*)
- 'ACTHA trip on 29 Aug '92 to Warri Bridge Reserve in Braidwood', by Simon Cunningham
- 'ACTHA camping trip over Labour Day Long Weekend in the vicinity of Wanna Wanna Road (off Captains Flat Road)', by Paul Scanlan
- Frog call species list: 26 Sept '92 at Narrabundah and Symonston, ACT
- 'Frog species in NSW thought to be in decline or at risk', article by the Frog and Tadpole Study Group

**Feb - Mar 1993**

- 'Agamids - are they really the most primitive lizards?', Dr Geoff Witten, RMIT, speaker at Feb Mtg
- Hazards of herpetology, Will Osborne's accident
- 'From extinction to distinction; the amazing story of the rediscovery of the Adelaide Blue-tongue Lizard (*T. adelaidensis*)', Dr Mark Hutchinson, SA Museum, speaker at Mar Mtg
- 'Action plans for threatened Australian reptiles (Dr Hal Cogger) and amphibians (Dr Mike Tyler)', article by Sally Stephens
- Bandy Bandy (*Vermicella annulata*) found in Queanbeyan
- 'One or two lessons in the keeping of baby snakes', by Doug Lloyd, Mugga Lane Zoo, ACT
- 'A North Coast Python for new year, a wildlife rescue' and 'Excursion to Mimosa Rocks National Park, Nov 1992', articles by Gavin Young
- 'Expedition to the Blue Mountains' and 'A jaunt across the south of Australia', articles by Paul Scanlan
- 'Tarago field trip', by Cameron Trindall
- Various member and student member news, Your Society Needs You!

**April - May 1993**

- 'The Herpetofauna of Uluru', Dr David Carter, advertised speaker at April Mtg
- '*A. parapulchella*: How much do we know?' Sandie Jones, advertised speaker at May Mtg
- Book review of Harold G. Cogger's 'Reptiles and Amphibians of Australia', by John Wombey
- 'Herping in Hawaii', by Geordie Torr
- 'Simpson Safari', by Jo Vandermark
- Fauna trapped at Ethabuka Station SW QLD, 1991-1993
- 'What is a species, when is it endangered and how does it affect the herpetologist?', by Raymond Hoser
- 'Report on Burra field trip, 21 Mar '93', by Stephen Sarre

**June - July 1993**

- 'Reptiles of Africa', Ross Bennett, advertised speaker for June Mtg
- 'Frogs of Western Australia', Rick Zentelis, advertised speaker for July Mtg
- 'Proposal for research on *Delma impar*, the Striped Legless Lizard', article by Helen Osmond, ANU

**Aug - Sept 1993**

- 'Slithering, sliding, slippery snakes', John Wombey, advertised speaker for Aug Mtg
- 'Reptilian Eggs: Incubation and Development', Mike Thompson, advertised speaker for Sept Mtg

**Oct - Nov 1993**

- 'Ecology of *Delma impar* in the ACT', Helen Osmond ANU & 'Taxonomy of *Tympanocryptis lineata* in the ACT', Warwick Smith ANU, advertised speakers for Oct Mtg
- 'Genetic variation in two Western Australian gecko species', Stephen Sarr, advertised speaker for Nov Mtg
- 'Reptiles and Grassland Conservation', article by Helen Osmond ANU

**Jan - Feb 1994**

- 'The Corroboree Frog', Will Osborne, advertised speaker for Feb Mtg
- 'South American Turtles', Arthur George, advertised speaker for Mar Mtg
- Second World Congress of Herpetology, Adelaide, 29 Dec 1993 - 5 Jan 1994, by Stephen Sarre
- List of Melbourne reptiles available and their cost, Dean Ward (*Bearded Dragon* \$180, *Carpet Snake* \$670)

**April - May 1994**

- 'Recovery of the endangered Red-bellied Turtle - Massachusetts', Prof Terry Graham, Worcester College Massachusetts, advertised speaker for Apr Mtg
- 'Impact of grazing on reptiles in Australian Rangelands', Dr Craig James, CSIRO, Div Wildlife & Ecology, advertised speaker for May Mtg
- Who's who in ACTHA
- 'South East Region Conservation Council Meeting, 23 Feb 1994, by Jamie Shaw
- 'Be there for Snakes Alive! Festival', Ric Longmore giving talk, snake handling, milking demo, ANBG

**June - July 1994**

- 'Turtle Adventures - Heron Island and the USA', Richard Reina, ANU, advertised speaker for June Mtg
- 'Studies in the Conservation Status of Wet Forest Frogs in Eastern Australia', Dr Micheal Mahoney, Uni of Newcastle, advertised speaker for July Mtg
- 'Conservation Status of Australia's Reptiles Assessed', The Action Plan for Aust Reptiles by H.G. Cogger, R.A. Sadlier and P. Egger, Australian Nature Conservation Agency Canberra, Dec 1993
- 'Report from the 1994 Newsletter of Aust Society of Herpetologists; the ACT', by Arthur Georges

**Aug - Sept 1994**

- 'Habitat use by the threatened Broad-headed Snake', Jonathon Webb, Uni of Sydney, advertised speaker for Aug Mtg
- 'Reptiles and amphibians and the State Forests of NSW: survey and conservation, Frank Lemckert, NSW State Forests, advertised speaker for Sept Mtg
- Public Workshop at Uni Canberra: Oct 1994 advance notice. 'Hidden herps of native grasslands' Dr Mark Hutchinson, SA Museum, keynote speaker
- 'The role of amateurs in herpetology', Dr Glen Shea, Uni of Sydney, advertised speaker for Oct Mtg

**Oct - Nov 1994**

- 'The Conservation of *Geocrinia* species in south-west WA', Don Driscoll, Uni of Western Australia, advertised speaker for Dec Mtg
- Public Workshop at Uni Canberra: 'Hidden herps of native grasslands' Dr Mark Hutchinson, SA Museum, keynote speaker 'The Conservation of the Pygmy Bluetongue, considered extinct until rediscovered in 1992'.

**Feb - Mar 1995**

- 'The frogs of Western Australia', Dr Dale Roberts, Dept Zoology, Uni WA, advertised speaker for Feb Mtg
- 'Galapagos Tortoises', Scott Thomson, UC, advertised speaker for Mar Mtg
- President's report on the past year, inc field trips, Stephen Sarre retiring President
- 'The role of amateurs in herpetology', Dr Glen Shea, Uni of Sydney, overview of talk
- 'Encounters with a Cobra - A Traveller's Tale, by Ric Longmore

**June - July 1995**

- \*- 'Can the Striped Legless Lizard *Delma impar* cope with a fragmented habitat?', Helen Osmond, Botany & Zoology ANU, advertised speaker for June Mtg
- \*- Trophic ecology of the Striped Legless Lizard *Delma impar* (or: what *Delma* eats', Donna Nunan, Biological Sciences UC, advertised speaker for July Mtg
- 'Is a virus decimating frog populations?', article to be published in IUCN, By Dr William Laurance
- '1995 Year of the Sea Turtle in the Pacific region'

**Aug - Sept 1995**

- 'Galapagos Tortoises, *Geochelone nigra* : Distribution in the Wild and Current Research on the Captive Population', Scott Thomson, ANU, presentation at March Mtg

**Feb - March 1996**

- 'Captive Management of Reptiles', Scott Thomson UC, advertised speaker for Feb Mtg
- 'Surveys at Murwillumbah, NSW', John Wombey, advertised speaker for March Mtg
- 'Turtles', a visiting researcher from Uni of California, advertised speaker for Apr Mtg
- 'Frog', Simon Holloway UC, advertised speaker for May Mtg
- 'Turtles', Rod Kennett, Uni of the NT, advertised speaker for June Mtg
- ACTHA receiving many requests for information on keeping reptiles
- ACTHA Frogwatch field trip to Mulligan's Flat, report on Nov '95 trip, by Rick Zentelis

**June - July 1996**

- 'Turtology in the Northern Territory', Dr Rod Kennett, Uni of NT, advertised speaker for June Mtg
- 'Frogs of Southern USA', Jeanne young, Uni of Louisiana, visiting UC, advertised speaker for July Mtg
- The Natural History Centre (Shopfront & Library), Griffin Centre for COG, FNAC,  
(ACTHA journals and newsletters were kept here, now with Mandy Conway, Ed.)
- ACTHA meetings to this date held at ANU, will now be held at University of Canberra
- 'Tidbinbilla Red-bellied Black adventure', by Scott Gledhill
- 'Slithers and Croakers - a nature-based weekend at Barren Grounds, NSW', by Lyn & Alan Scrymgeour

**Jan - Apr 1997 : Newsletter name change to 'Corroboree'**

- Herp of the month at meetings introduced
- 'Adventures in the NT studying the Warradjan, *Carettochelys insculpta*', Sean Doody, main speaker for Feb Mtg
- 'Protection of Endangered Species in the ACT', David Mossop, Environmental Defenders Office, main speaker for Mar Mtg
- 'Herpetology in the High Country: Research on Endangered Amphibians', David Hunter, main speaker for May Mtg
- 'Turtles of New Guinea', Scott Thomson, main speaker for June Mtg
- 'Going going gone... Endangered Species of Reptiles and Amphibians of the ACT',  
Fri 18 April to Sun 20 April 1997 Workshop

**Sept - Oct 1997**

- Future directions for the ACT Herpetological Association, by Scott Thomson
- 'Choosing a pet that's right for me', by Ben Kropp
- Herp Quiz, by Anthony Chariton

**Oct - Nov 1997**

- 'The International Gecko Society' advert
- 'Housing blue tongues and long-neck turtles', by Ben Kropp
- Conference news: 77th Annual Meeting of the American Society of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists,  
by Scott Thomson

**June 1998 : Newsletter name changed back to former title**

*(Single page newsletters, mainly advertising meeting and diary dates)*

- 'Herping around Australia', Arthur Georges speaker for June Mtg

**July 1998**

- 'Reptile husbandry', Ron Dencio, guest speaker

**Aug 1998**

- Glen Shea, lecturer from Uni Sydney, guest speaker

**Sept 1998**

- 'Herp related travels', Scott Keogh, guest speaker

**Oct 1998**

- 'Herp related travels', Scott Keogh, guest speaker

**Nov 1998**

- Bring your own animal or photos and slides

**Feb 1999 : Newsletter name change to 'ACTHA Monitor'**

- Mtg venue changed to CSIRO Wildlife and Ecology for a tour of the Aust National Wildlife Collection
- advert for ACTHA at the Australian Science Festival in May, theme 'the only good snake, is a LIVE snake!'
- Newspaper article about '71 illegally held reptiles in home raids on three members of the Society of Herpetologists in Perth'

**March 1999**

- 'Eastern Tiger Snake Monitoring Project at Rose's Lagoon', Scott Thomson, speaker at Mtg
- Newspaper article warning people about dangers of smoking dried cane toad skins or boiling them to make hallucinogenic soup

**April 1999**

- 'Reptiles and amphibians from a fauna survey of the Shoalwater Bay Army Training Camp, north of Rockhampton', John Wombey, speaker for Mtg
- ACTHA takes part in Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve Easter Extravaganza
- ACTHA sends admission to Environment ACT regarding the review of current Reptile Policy

**June 1999**

- 'Lizard Country', Steve Morton, guest speaker for Mtg

**July 1999**

- 'The Licensing System for Reptiles and Amphibians of the ACT', Environment ACT, speaker at Mtg

**Aug 1999**

- 'Herps of the USA', Dave Hunter, speaker at Mtg

**Sept 1999**

- 'Fragmentation in a connected landscape. Mallee reptiles crack up', Don Driscoll speaker at Mtg

**Nov 1999**

- members night, bring along herps

**Feb 2000**

- 'Australasian Pythons', Alan Thorne, speaker at Mtg
- ACTHA attends Australian Science Fair for 4th year in a row. Display moves to ANBG and is titled 'Snakes in the Gardens, 26 April to 7 May, end of school holidays

**Mar 2000**

- 'Death Adder', Ric Longmore, speaker at ANBG venue
- 7 cases of herp smuggling thwarted by Customs

**April 2000**

- 'Viral diseases in pythons', Scott Thomson, speaker for Mtg
- Cape York Herpetological Society folds due to lack of interest of members
- call for volunteers for 'Snakes in the Gardens' event at ANBG

**May 2000**

- Frog fungus theory article

**June 2000**

- 'Turtle trade in Cambodia', Rohan Holloway UC, speaker at Mtg

**July 2000**

- Special General Meeting to Amend the Constitution

**Aug 2000**

AGM

**Sept 2000**

- 'Frogs of the ACT', Rob Jansen, President
- Address change to PO Box 160, Jamison ACT 2614

**Nov 2000**

- 'Canberra Pet Expo' a success

**Apr 2001**

- 'The only good snake is a LIVE snake!' ANBG display. Guest speaker Stan Orchard WWF Australia on 'Herpetological Education'

**June 2001**

No Mtg

**July 2001**

- 'Can frogs survive in made-made areas?', Donna Hazell, CRES ANU, speaker at Mtg

**Aug 2001**

- members night

**Sept 2001**

- 'Life history of the Corroboree Frog', Dave Hunter, speaker at Mtg
- ACTHA has a new website <http://www.angelfire.com/ab6/actha/>
- news article: reptiles, as with amphibians, also in decline
- 'Exotic Reptile & Amphibian Conference' advertised for South Australia
- news article blaming frogs for the soaring cost of a motorway in Germany
- new species described by Scott Thomson, Rod Kennett and Arthur Georges, from the Arnhem Land Plateaux in the Northern Territory *Chelodina burrunganjii*

**Oct 2001**

- Mtg is frogging night, meet at Mulligan's Flat carpark
- 'Vanishing reptiles prompt concern', BBC News article
- 'Giant Carnivores Threatened by Alien Weed', [Nile Crocodiles] by Scott Thomson

**Jan 2002**

- news article 'Race to airlift dying turtles', 10,000 turtles, 90% of which are endangered, destined for China dining tables. Many dead but 1,000 need help

**April 2002**

- speaker TBA
- Field trip to Tarago to look for Little Whip Snake
- 'RSPCA Campaign to Ban Reptile Keeping in Europe', interesting view

**May 2002**

- 'Australian Pythons', Ric Longmore, speaker for Mtg
- 'Reptiles of Garuwanga', by Geoff Robertson [Margaret Ning & Geoff Robertson's property near Nimmitabel NSW

**Aug 2002**

- AGM
- 'Keeping Native Animals as Pets in the ACT', by Geoff Robertson

**Sept 2002**

- 'Frog Status and Monitoring in the ACT', Murray Evans, Environment ACT, speaker for Mtg
- The year ahead and ACTHA AGM

**Oct 2002**

- 'Frog monitoring in the ACT', Murray Evans & Peter Ormay, Environment ACT, speakers at Sept Mtg
- Reptile jokes of the month
- Changes to Reptile Licensing Categories in the ACT, Environment ACT, Oct '02
- Frog Chytrid Fungus, [www.npws.nsw.gov.au](http://www.npws.nsw.gov.au)

**Nov 2002**

- 'Snakebite - a herpetologists viewpoint', Ric Longmore, speaker at Oct Mtg
- Coming event: 13 to 19 Jan '03 Reptile display at ANBG (replaces ACTHA's Science festival display)

**Feb 2003**

- 'The only good snake is a live snake' display at the ANBG 13 to 19 Jan '03, by Geoff Robertson
- 'UVB from thinning of atmospheric ozone may not be a factor in amphibian population declines', USGS Press Release Dec '02

**Apr - May 2003**

- 'Slide show of Southern Tablelands' reptiles', John Wombey & Geoff Robertson, speakers at Feb Mtg, article by Margaret Ning

**July - Aug 2003**

- 'ACTHA's future: does it have one?', by Geoff Robertson
- 'Green and Golden Bell Frog', Sam Patmore, speaker at May Mtg
- 'The Booroolong Frog', David Hunter ANU, speaker at June Mtg

**Sept - Oct 2003**

- 'Fire audit presentation: Post fire impacts on natural systems' (fauna, endangered species, flora, ferals) Murray Evans, speaker at Aug Mtg, article by Christine Coulson and Margaret Ning
- 'Reptiles and frogs in Gooroo, ACT', article by Geoff Robertson
- 'Reptile & frog keeping in the ACT for 1st time owners', Peter Child, speaker at MARK Aug Mtg, article

**Nov - Dec 2003**

- 'Reptiles of the Ecuadorian Basin', Arthur Georges ANU, speaker at Sept Mtg, article by Christine Coulson
- 'The Black-headed Python' and 'Snakebites', talks at MARK Oct Mtg, articles by Christine Coulson

**Jan - Feb 2004**

- 'Behaviour of African Flat Lizards', Scott Keogh, speaker at Nov '03 Mtg, summary of presentation
- 'First Tuatara eggs laid on Tiritiri Matangi Island', NZ, Dec '03
- 'Zoo's Savu Python successfully breeds', BBC News, Dec '03
- 'John Aglionby measures 7m python in Indonesia', Guardian article, Jan '04

**Mar - Apr 2004**

- 'Tiger Snakes', Ross Bennett, speaker at MARK Nov '03 Mtg, summary of presentation
- 'Fang fallacy', Bryan Grieg Fry, Aust Venom Research, Uni of Melbourne

**May - June 2004**

- 'Hand in illegal reptiles', Dept Environment & Heritage Media Release, Mar '04
- 'Impact of exotic pets fact sheet', Media release
- 'Antaresia Pythons', Chris Brown, speaker at Feb Mtg, summary of presentation
- 'Re-introducing herps for conservation - does it work?', Dr Russell Burke, speaker at Mar Mtg, summary of presentation
- 'Warm bloodedness leaves reptiles cold', Ian Fraser, speaker at Apr Mtg, summary of presentation
- 'A discussion on brumation', by Chris Brown

**July - Aug 2004**

- 'Flinders Island spotted fever *Rickettsia honei* Tasmania', ABC Regional Online
- \*- 'Grassland Earless Dragon', Lyn Nelson, ACT P&CS, speaker at June Mtg, summary of presentation
- 'Lace monitors', Andy Wattam, speaker at MARK May Mtg, summary of presentation
- 'Basics of reptile husbandry information', Karen Guillen, MARK Dec '01, summary of presentation
- Wirrimbirra Sanctuary Reptile Day, Bargo, 1 Aug '04

**Sept - Oct 2004**

- 'Origin & diversification of Elapid Snakes', Scott Keogh, speaker at July Mtg, summary of presentation
- 'Black Tiger Snakes of Franklin Island', by Ric Longmore
- \*- 'Scientists working for pittance to save Corroboree Frogs' (Gerry Marantelli) by Rosslyn Beeby, Canberra Times Aug '04
- UK frog fatal Red Leg Disease, Sept '04

**Dec 2004**

- 'Gadgets, gimmicks and gizmos', Peter Child, speaker at Oct Mtg, summary of presentation
- ACT Frogwatch Program, presentation at Nov Mtg, summary of presentation

**June - July 2005**

- 'Fauna survey of Turallo Nature Reserve', Bungendore, presentation at June Mtg, summary of presentation
- Reptiles and Salmonella - information article
- German exploding toads - several articles

**Feb - Mar 2006**

- ACTHA's *Snakes Alive!* Exhibition 2006, at ANBG 16 - 22 January '06, overview

**Apr - May 2006**

- 'Feeding reptiles', Jan Spate, speaker at Feb Mtg, summary of presentation by Editor (MC)
- 'A giant leap forward for the Spotted Tree Frog, 200 captive bred progeny released into Kosciuszko', Canberra Times newspaper article, Dec '05

**June - July 2006**

- ACT 2005 Frogwatch report, by Geoff Robertson
- Pet snake health alert, by Mandy Conway
- ACTHA at Tidbinbilla, 23 Apr '06, article by Margaret Ning
- 'Some of Canberra's herps uncovered, part 1', John Wombey, speaker at Apr Mtg, summary of presentation by Editor (MC)

**Aug - Sep 2006**

- 'Chondro ecology - (mis)adventures and discoveries in the rainforest', David Wilson, ANU, speaker at June Mtg, summary of presentation by Editor (MC)
- 'Some of Canberra's herps uncovered, part 2', John Wombey, speaker at Apr Mtg, by Editor (MC)
- 'Specimen collection and preserving techniques for scientific purposes', John Wombey, speaker at Apr Mtg, summary of presentation by Editor (MC)
- 'Hero's snakebite miracle', NT News, June '06

**Oct - Nov 2006**

- 'The McAuliffe family's trip to Cape York', Jo McAuliffe, speaker at Aug Mtg, summary of presentation by Margaret Ning
- 'Undiagnosed deaths in crocodiles in the Northern Territory', NT News, Sept '06

**Dec '06 - Jan '07**

- ACTHA display at the CSIRO Bio-diversity Centre, Sun 30 Oct and Tues 1 Nov '06, humorous email account
- 'Wildlife Forensics and Trade monitoring in the Northern Long-necked Turtle', Erica Alacs, speaker at Oct '06 Mtg, summary of presentation by Margaret Ning
- 'Corroboree Frogs at Tidbinbilla', ACTHA members go for a behind the scenes look at the breeding facility, article by Geoff Robertson
- A Grassland Earless Dragon field trip, by Joe McAuliffe

**Feb - Mar 2007**

- 'OPMV alert for snake keepers, by Ric Longmore
- 'CSIRO Sustainable Eco-facility tour at Crace, Nrth Canberra', tour by John Wombey at Dec '06 Mtg, article by Mandy Conway (*Editor (MC) for future articles*)
- ACTHA's *Snakes Alive!* Exhibition 2007, at the ANBG 15 - 21 January '07, including events below, articles by Editor (MC)
- Gary Clark opens Exhibition, Swamp Cartoonist, Canberra Times newspaper article, Jan '07
- Three presentations given during the Exhibition:
  - 'Water Dragons, sex determination and climate change', Sean Doody, UC, article by Editor (MC)
  - 'Water for a healthy country - the Murray', Dr Sarah Ryan, CSIRO, article by Editor (MC)
  - 'Climate Change Challenges for the freshwater reptiles of the Murray-Darling Basin, and challenges for us', Prof Arthur Georges, ANU, article by Editor (MC)
- \*- 'Captive bred and nearly extinct: Spotted Tree Frogs survive their first year since release into Kosciuszko National Park', news release from NSW DEC

**Apr - May 2007**

- 'Tour of bearded dragon breeding facility at the University of Canberra', led by Jacqui Richardson at Feb Mtg, article by Editor (MC)
- 'Evolution of sex determination in reptiles (especially dragons)', Alex Quinn, UC, 2nd speaker at Feb Mtg, summary of presentation by Editor (MC)
- 'Mr Toad comes to Darwin: an evolutionary perspective on the cane toad invasion', Prof Rick Shine, Uni of Sydney, article by Margaret Ning
- 'Imparting ACTHA's message: ACTHA's display at Hawker Primary School', article by Margaret Ning
- 'Salmonella Kingabwa infections and lizard contact in US', author Anthony Yartel, Centre for Disease Control and Prevention, Georgia USA

**Jun - Jul 2007**

- ACTHA display at the Tidbinbilla Extravaganza, Sun 15 Apr '07, by Editor (MC)
- 'Cane toad hitchhikers', NSW NPWS news release
- 'Cane toad killer in the shape of a worm', Herald Sun newspaper article, May '07
- 'Broad-shelled Turtles in the Riverland - rare, threatened or not?', Deborah Bower, UC, speaker at Apr Mtg, summary of presentation by Editor (MC)
- Reptile and Amphibian Expo, Sydney 4-6 May '07, visit to Gosford Reptile Park, and Care of Australian Reptile and Amphibian (CARA) Conference, 5 May '07, by Joe and Jake McAuliffe and Mandy Conway



**Aug - Sept 2007**

- 'Questacon - exhibitions and kids', Robert Bunzli & Gerard Dwyer, speakers at June Mtg, summary of presentation by Editor (MC)
- 'The Pig-nose Turtle - building an enclosure and care in captivity', Peter Child, 2nd speaker June Mtg, summary of presentation by Editor (MC)
- 'The Smooth Knob-tailed Gecko. *Nephrurus laevissimus*, in captivity', and 'Keeping small elapids, with comments on a captive diet', Steve Comber, Melb Museum, talk at May '07 CARA Conference, article by Editor (MC)
- \*- 'Pink-tailed Worm-lizard is nominated as a vulnerable species', Friends of Grasslands newsletter extract, July - Aug '07
- Reptile Policy in the ACT, by ACT Parks, Conservation & Lands

**Oct - Nov 2007**

- ACTHA exhibition at Questacon 4 - 5 Aug '07, article by Margaret Ning
- 'Herping in Madagascar', Geoff Kay, ANU, speaker at Aug Mtg, summary of presentation by Margaret Ning
- Limestone Plains Group, article by Isobel Crawford
- Western Swamp Tortoise, background and Aug '07 population boost, article
- 'Gorgona Blues: world's only pure blue lizard at risk of extinction', by MONGABAY.COM

**Dec '07 - Jan '08**

- *Snakes alive!* Exhibition 2008, advertisement and history of event
- 'Small Grants for Herpetofauna Protection, Education, Training and Research Projects', Deb Bower UC, Rachele McConville Frogwatch, Mitzy Pepper ANU, Geoff Kay ANU
- 'Government pushing ahead Traveston Crossing Dam Plan. Mary River Turtle at risk', Sunshine Coast Daily Oct '07 newspaper article and Craig Latta, AFTCRA
- ACTHA field trip to Rose/Rowe's Lagoon, NSW, article by Editor (MC)

*(Note: all future articles by Newsletter Editor Mandy Conway will be listed as Editor (MC). Only significant 'The Australian & International Scene' and 'Reptile ID' articles will be included in this Index document from now on.*

**Feb - Mar '08**

- ACTHA's AGM held in conjunction with Christmas party at Questacon on 18 Dec '07
- ACTHA's *Snakes Alive!* Exhibition 2008, at ANBG 14 - 20 January 2008, including Exhibition event below, article by Editor (MC)
- 'Australia's Northern Territory herpetofauna', a trip account by Joe McAuliffe

**Apr - May '08**

- ACTHA holds a herp display at a Leukemia fund raising event, Hall Showground
- 'Evolution of Geckos in the Pilbara, WA', Mitzy Pepper, ANU, speaker at Feb Mtg, article summary of presentation by Editor (MC)
- ACTHA field trip to Nimmitabel, NSW, article by Mandy Conway, Margaret Ning and Joe McAuliffe

**June - July '08**

- 'ACTHA display at Hawker Primary School Fete, Sun 6 Apr '08', by Jake McAuliffe
- \*- 'Northern Corroboree Frog Breeding success at Tidbinbilla, AC', article by Editor (MC)
- 'Massive study of Madagascar wildlife leads to new conservation roadmap', Sciencedaily news release
- ACTHA display at Tidbinbilla Extravaganza, Sun 13 Apr '08, by Margaret Ning
- 'Shingleback Lizard health alert', veterinarian Dr Jan Spate, summary of presentation by Editor (MC)

**Aug - Sept '08**

- Applications called for Small Grants for Herpetofauna Protection, Education, Training & Research Projects
- 'Reptiles and frogs of QLD Australia, Madagascar and Cameroon', Dr Conrad Hoskin, ANU, speaker at Apr Mtg, summary of presentation by Editor (MC)
- 'New family of gecko' and 'Saving frogs before it's too late', Sciencedaily news releases
- 'Genetics, Conservation and Sth-W. Western Australian Herpetofauna', Dan Edwards, ANU, speaker at June Mtg, summary of presentation by Margaret Ning
- ACTHA members photography segment, call for more images
- Reptiles at Australia Zoo, Beerwah QLD, by Editor (MC)
- \*- List of the 44 endangered reptiles in NSW, by NSW DECC

**Oct - Nov '08**

- 'Collecting snails the safe way', by Mandy Conway
- Living on 'Burrowed' Time, Dr Beth Mantle, ACT & Region Frogwatch Coordinator, speaker at Aug Mtg, summary of presentation by Editor (MC)
- 'Cane Toad can't stand the cold' and 'Female Bibron's Toadlet partners up to 8 males', Sciencedaily news releases

**Dec '08 - Jan '09**

- ACTHA AGM, Oct '08
- 'ACTHA Display at Turner Primary School Fete, 8 Nov '08', by Margaret Ning
- 'The Critically Endangered Fiji Crested Iguana', Suzanne Morrison, ANU, speaker at Oct '08 Mtg, summary of presentation by Editor (MC)
- 'New species of Iguana has been found in the Fijian Archipelago', by Paddy Ryan
- 'Rare Geckos Discovered', Perth now journal
- 'Seafood eating Flatback Turtles closely related to herbivorous Green Sea Turtles', Sciencedaily news release

**Dec '08 - Jan '09**

- 'What species is that?, photo of Thick-tailed Gecko', identification by Geoff Robertson
- 'Tiger Snake in motion', by Margaret Ning

**Feb - Mar 2009**

- ACTHA's *Snakes Alive!* Exhibition 2009, at the ANBG 12 - 18 Jan '09, overview
- 'Is global warming really killing amphibians worldwide or?', Sciencedaily news release
- 'What species is that?, photo of Stoney-creek Frogs', by Angus Kennedy
- ACTHA Christmas Party, 16 Dec '08, by Margaret Ning

**Apr - May 2009**

- 'Heat could be stifling turtles' swimming abilities in Australia' and 'Conserving Australia's most endangered snake might mean lighting more bush fires', Sciencedaily news releases
- 'Sex in dragons: will climate change spell their doom?', Prof Arthur Georges, UC
- 'ACTHA at Hawker School Fete, 5 April '09', article by Angelique Harrison
- 'Transvestites of the lizard world', Assoc Prof Scott Keogh, ANU, speaker at Feb Mtg, summary of presentation by Editor (MC)
- Viewing of illustration plates for 'Field Guide to Australian Frogs' by Frank Knight
- 'World's smallest snake found in China', Sept '08, The Epoch Times

**June - July 2009**

- 'Female Lake Eyre dragons use colour to stop unwanted attraction', by Anna Salleh, 29 Apr '09, ABC
- 'Snake wolfs down large goanna', by Jay Savage, 12 May '09, ninemsn
- 'Humble roof tile fills ecological niche', 25 May '09, NSW NPWS news release
- 'Understanding the Beak-faced Gecko', Mitzy Pepper, ANU, speaker at Apr Mtg, summary of presentation by Editor (MC)
- 'Boy or girl? In lizards, egg size matters', Sciendaily news release

**Aug - Sept 2009**

- 'New Zealand's Tuatara', by Editor (MC)
- 'The snake and the goanna, species identification with live specimens', Peter Child, June Mtg, summary of presentation by Editor (MC)
- 'Why little brown frogs aren't boring', Renee Catullo, ANU, speaker at June Mtg, summary of presentation by Editor (MC)
- 'IVF for endangered alpine frogs', 18 May '09, NSW DECC media release
- An update on the Northern Corroboree Frog breeding program at Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve ACT, by Carly Humphrys, Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve Wildlife Officer
- 'The Victorian Government's Exotic Pest Animals Program', by Keith Lerner, DSE

**Oct - Nov 2009**

- ACTHA presents the ABNG with a cheque, fund raising effort from *Snakes Alive!* Exhibition
- 'Owning a Centralian Blue-tongue Lizard', by Jake McAuliffe
- Canberra Reptile Keepers Group Inaugural Meeting, 6 Aug '09, National Zoo & Aquarium, article by Editor (MC)
- 'Tiny species of lizard is so light that it falls to the ground like a feather, scientists have discovered', by Matt Walker, Earth News
- 'Recovery efforts for Kosciuszko's threatened frog fauna', David Hunter, NSW DECC, speaker at Aug Mtg, summary of presentation by Editor (MC)
- 'The Northern Corroboree Frog and Dr Ross Pengilley', by Ric Longmore
- 'MARK Mtg Group 10 year anniversary', article by Editor (MC)
- ACTHA provides small grants for Herpetofauna Protection, Education, Training and Research Projects, article by Editor (MC)
- ACTHA's Website is up and running, achieved by Angus Kennedy

**Dec '09 - Jan '10**

- \*- New logo, merchandise and Website for ACTHA
- 'Chytridiomycosis and Green Tree Frogs', source James Cook Uni, Oct '09
- 'True blue: Komodo Dragon may have evolved in Australia', source STR News

**Feb - Mar 2010**

- Local herp issues and activities, general public queries etc, by Editor (MC)
- Burrowing into ACTHA's past, new section to start next issue, by Editor (MC)
- 'Where to find frogs', Martin Westgate, Fenner School ANU, speaker at Oct Mtg, summary of presentation by Editor (MC)
- *Snakes Alive!* Exhibition 2010 at ANBG, 18 - 24 Jan '10, incl 'Collecting and displaying local reptiles' by John Wombey & Geoff Robertson, main article by Editor (MC)
- 'The Spiny-tailed Monitor', by Jake McAuliffe
- Advertised: ANU Seminar on 'Phylogeny, Biogeography & Evolution of Geckos of the World', Dr Tony Gamble, Uni of Minnesota

**Apr - May 2010**

- 'ACTHA fieldtrip to Nimmitabel, NSW', by Mandy Conway
- \*- 'Conservation Biology of the Grassland Earless Dragon (*Tympanocryptis pinguicollis*)', Tim McGrath, Uni of Canberra, speaker at Feb Mtg, summary of presentation by Editor (MC) and Tim McGrath
- \*- 'Molonglo biodiversity issues and the Pink-tailed Worm-lizard', Geoff Robertson, 2nd speaker at Feb Mtg, summary of presentation by Editor (MC)
- \*- 'Breeding Earless Dragons', Joe McAuliffe, main speaker at Feb Mtg, caresheet reproduced here
- ACTHA displays at the Tidbinbilla Extravaganza and the Hawker Primary School Fete, by Editor (MC)
- 'Venomous snakes are best left alone', newspaper article
- \*- 'The Yellow-spotted Bell Frog, thought extinct, has been found!', press article
- Corroboree Frog breeding facility update, by Carly Humphries
- 'Burrowing into ACTHA's past: 1985 the first year', produced by Mandy Conway
- 'Brown snake has a water dragon for lunch at the Australian National Botanic Gardens', newspaper article

**June - July 2010**

- ACTHA presents cheque to the Australian National Botanic Gardens (donation from ACTHA's *Snakes Alive! Exhibition 2010*)
- 'The value of surveys and putting dots on maps', David Hunter, NSW DECC&W, speaker at April Mtg, summary of presentation by Editor (MC)
- 'David Attenborough on snakes', source ABC Radio Science Show
- 'Burrowing into ACTHA's past: 1986' (*ACT Herpetofauna Survey*), by Editor (MC)

**Aug - Sept 2010**

- 'Venomous snakes of Thailand and The Red Cross Snake Farm & Institute in Bangkok', by Ric Longmore
- 'John Cann retires from reptile shows', newspaper article
- 'Blue-tongue lizards are losing their home turf', newspaper article
- 'The National Wildlife Rehabilitation Conference, SA, June 2010', by Editor (MC)
- 'The Mary River Turtle - a species profile', Wildlife Land Trust article
- 'Venom yields of Australian elapids', scientific paper
- 'Burrowing into ACTHA's past: 1987', by Editor (MC)
- 'Pet reptile' health hazards, newspaper article, Canberra

**Oct - Nov 2010**

- 'Christian Robertson', ACTHA is saddened by the tragic loss of our esteemed member from a motorcycle accident
- 'Wet weather and collecting snails for your reptiles', make sure the snails haven't been baited, by Editor (MC)- '2010 Spring Frogwatch Census', update by Emma Keightley, Ginninderra Catchment Group
- 'John Wombey's passion, besides amphibians and reptiles', member profile
- \*- 'Home ranges of, and habitat use by, the grassland earless dragon in remnant native grasslands near Canberra', paper presented in Aust. Journal of Zoology
- 'Pet reptiles and avoiding zoonoses', Peter Child, Reptiles Inc., speaker at Aug Mtg, summary of presentation by Editor (MC)
- 'Burrowing into ACTHA's past: 1988', by Editor (MC)

**Dec '10 - Jan '11**

- 'ACTHA Website update', Angus Kennedy, Webmaster
- 'A boa without a father – parthenogenesis in snakes', news article
- 'ACTHA participates in biodiversity & farming fair', Oct '10, article by M. Ning
- 'ACTHA exhibits herps at the Turner Primary School Fete', article by Editor (MC)
- 'Reptiles of the Brigalow Belt and what the Australian Government is doing to protect them', Tim McGrath, DSEWPaC, speaker at Oct '10 Mtg
- 'Coral Reef Symposium: turtles & dugongs', Dr Mariana Fuentes, article
- 'Toiling to save threatened frog', Erica Rex, article
- 'Burrowing into ACTHA's past: 1989', by Editor (MC)

**Feb - Mar '11**

- 'ACTHA Dec 2010 Christmas Party & a slideshow from Dave Hunter's trip to Nrth QLD', summary by Margaret Ning & Mandy Conway
- 'Herping is looking for reptiles with little disturbance to them or their environment', article by Joe McAuliffe
- 'ACTHA members visit the Gosford Reptile Park, NSW', article by Iris Carter
- 'Snakes Alive! Exhibition 17 to 23 January 2011', summary
- 'Frogwatch 2010 update', by Emma Keightley, Frogwatch Coordinator

**Apr - May '11**

- 'Applications for small ACTHA grants for herpetofauna research'
- 'Photography workshop at Nimmitabel'
- 'Herping on holiday'
- Frog IDs, Lost frogs of South Coast, get frogs in your pond

**June - July '11**

- 'Reptiles and urban development', Will Osborne, presentation to ACT Conservation Council members, summary of presentation by Editor (MC)
- 'Research and road trip to the Eyre Peninsula of SA', Angus Kennedy, speaker at Apr Mtg
- 'Sydney Wildlifeworld', ACTHA member's trip to Sydney to meet Hal Cogger & Hal Heatwole

**Aug - Sept '11**

- '2011 ACTHA grants' highlighted
- 'Borneo through a camera lense', Joe McAuliffe, summary of presentation by Editor (MC)
- 'Boyd's Forest Dragon show and tell', Peter Child
- 'Eastern Long-necked Turtles rescued from damns being bull-dozed', by MC
- ACT and Region Frogwatch Census '11
- 'Lake Eyre snapshots'

*As indicated before, only significant 'The Australian & International Scene' and 'Reptile ID' articles are included in this Index document.*

**Oct - Nov '11**

Principally advertising future meeting guest speakers Dr Tom Bergin and Peri Bolton

**Dec '11 - Jan '12**

- \*- 'ACT Government releases 2011 Action Plan for the Northern Corroboree Frog'
- 'Prof Rick Shine wins NSW science award', news article
- 'A word from Paul Scanlan', UK, early ACTHA member visits at Mtg
- 'Dr Tom Bergin: a can of worms', former vet surgeon and Customs officer, speaker at Oct '11 Mtg, summary of presentation by Editor (MC)
- 'The interaction of fire & fragmentation...reptiles, Juliana Lazzari, ANU, speaker at Aug'11 Mtg, summary of presentation by Editor (MC)
- 'New boulder frog found', source Sciencealert news release

**Feb - Mar '12**

- 'Townsville: indexing, sea snakes and the ASH Conference', article by Editor (MC)
- '*Snakes Alive!* Exhibition 2012
- 'Evolution of Burrowing Elapids', Peri Bolton, ANU, speaker at Jan '12 Mtg, summary of presentation by Editor (MC)
- 'ACTHA Christmas party, overview

**June - July '12**

- 'ACTHA has mail' segment
- \*- 'Conservation of threatened grassland reptiles in the face of urban expansion: Case studies from the ACT (Pink-tailed Worm Lizard, Striped Legless Lizard)', Will Osborne, speaker at Feb '12 Mtg, summary of presentation by Editor (MC)
- 'Workshopping & Herping in the USA', Dave Hunter presents a slideshow of his trip to Atlanta

**Aug - Sept '12**

- 'Invasive reptiles, predictive modelling techniques to monitor the potential spread of invasive animals', Dustin Wellbourne, speaker at June '12 Mtg, summary of presentation by Editor (MC)

**Oct - Nov '12**

- \*- 'Conservation of threatened grassland reptiles in the face of urban expansion: Case studies from the ACT (Grassland Earless Dragon)', Will Osborne, speaker at Apr '12 Mtg (second half of talk), summary of presentation by Editor (MC)
- 'The neural implications of selection: How do brains vary among species?', Daniel Hoops, ANU, speaker at Aug '12 Mtg, summary of presentation by Editor (MC)

**Dec '12 - Jan '13**

- \*'Threatened frog conservation in Kosciuszko National Park: Fighting against the tide of extinction', Dave Hunter, NSW OE&H, speaker at Oct '12 Mtg, summary of presentation by Editor (MC)
- 'Reptile monitoring at Scottsdale Reserve', call for volunteers by Bush Heritage Australia
- 'Frogwatch news'

**Feb - Mar '13**

- 'ACTHA 2012 Christmas Party, Ric Longmore receives an OAM, Motorists' target turtles trying to cross the road at Gungahlin's Yerrabi Pond
- '*Snakes Alive!* Exhibition Jan '13', summary, article by Editor (MC)

**Apr - May '13**

- 'Small grants for herpetofauna project', ACTHA calls for expressions of interest
- 'Firefighters hop to frog's defence (Firefighters who battled blazes in Namadgi National Park have been commended for protecting the habitat of the Northern Corroboree Frog), newspaper article

**June - July '13**

- \*- 'Tympo captive breeding program, Canberra University' and 'Workshop on the Grassland Earless Dragon', articles by Geoff Robertson
- 'Saving frogs because we must!', Gerry Marantelli, ARC, guest speaker during January's *Snakes Alive!* Exhibition, summary of presentation by Editor (MC)

**June - July '13**

- 'Habitat use and body shape in Australo-Papuan Myobatrachid frogs', Marta Vidal-Garcia, ANU, speaker at Feb '13 Mtg, summary of presentation by Editor (MC)
- 'The evolution of monitor lizards: Australia's lizard kings', Gabrielle Openshaw, ANU, speaker at April '13 Mtg, summary of presentation by Editor (MC)

**Aug - Sept '13**

- 'Komodo National Park adventure', Angus Kennedy, speaker at June '13 Mtg, summary of presentation by Editor (MC)
- 'Genomics of the bearded dragon', Arthur Georges, UC, main speaker at June '13 Mtg, summary of presentation by Editor (MC)
- \*- 'Legless lizard numbers slither forward', newspaper article
- 'ACTHA successful grant applications for 2013'

**Oct - Nov '13**

- 'Adventures in the wilds of Lowland PNG', summary of a talk given by Prof Arthur Georges, IAE, UC, during 'Big Issues, Big Talk: Celebrating Canberra's Centenary', summary of presentation by Editor (MC)
- 'Research Article: A new large species of *Tiliqua* from the Pliocene of the Wellington Caves NSW', compiled by Gabrielle Openshaw

**Dec '13 - Jan '14**

- 'Sorting out species numbers in the toadlets *Uperoleia*', Renee Catullo, CSIRO/ANU, speaker at Aug '13 Mtg, summary of presentation by Editor (MC)
- 'ACTHA fieldtrip to Dubbo Zoo', by Editor (MC)
- 'Research Article: Chemosensory discrimination of social cues mediates space use in snakes', compiled by Gabrielle Openshaw
- 'Rare frog's range expands', James Cook University Media Release

**Feb - Mar '14**

- Frogwatch update
- '*Snakes Alive!* Exhibition 2014 summary
- '*being an Eastern Brown Snake*' bronze sculpturer & ACTHA member's Steven Holland's exhibition at Canberra's Museum and Gallery
- 'Reptiles Inc and The Canberra Reptile Zoo', Peter Child, speaker at Oct '13 Mtg, summary of presentation by Editor (MC)
- 'Vet encourages care for reptiles', by wagga veterinarian & ACTHA member Janet Wild

**Apr - May '14**

- Frogwatch update (*usually each Edition*)
- 'ACT Wildlife Group', Marg Peachey, President, speaker at Feb Mtg, summary of presentation by Editor (MC)
- 'Scientists collect goanna sperm in a bid to create gene bank to save species from extinction', ABC News

**June - July '14**

- 'Cryptic Crypto's: Speciation & Biogeography in *Cryptoblepharus* skinks', Mozes Blom, Moritz Lab, ANU, speaker at April Mtg, summary of presentation by Editor (MC)
- 'rare Spotted Quoll sighting', by Margaret Ning

**Aug - Sept '14**

- 'Conservation of freshwater turtles in indigenous communities in Peru', Bruno Ferronato, UC, first speaker at June Mtg, summary of presentation by Geoff Robertson
- 'Grassland Earless Dragon Captive Breeding Program', Lisa Doucette, UC, second speaker at June Mtg, summary of presentation by Geoff Robertson

**Oct - Nov '14**

- 'Elapid snakes of Canberra', Ric Longmore, speaker at Aug Mtg, summary of presentation by Editor (MC) and Iris Carter
- 'Vale 'Gump', the last known Christmas Island Forest Skink', TheConversation

**Dec '14 - Jan '15**

- Predominantly Australia & International Scene, ID query responses

**Feb - Mar '15**

- 'The evolution & convergence of eco-morphology in pythons, boas and their relatives', Damien Esquerre, ANU, speaker at Oct '14, article by Editor (MC)
- 2015 *Snakes Alive!* Exhibition summary

**Apr - May '15**

- 'Ainslie to Mt Kosciuzsko: window on wonder wander', Matthew Higgins, speaker at Feb Mtg, summary of presentation by Editor (MC)
- 'Conservation Council ACT Region asks for help'
- 'Suburban pool conversions provides a home for eastern water dragons', newspaper article
- 'Wriggling post filled with baby crocs', newspaper article
- 'Tiger snake found in Tasmania with 'grotesque' spine diagnosed with rare disease', ABC News

**June - July '15**

- Frogwatch update
- 'Ecology of the Eastern Long-necked Turtle along a natural urban gradient', Bruno Ferronato, UC, speaker at April '15 Mtg, summary of presentation by Editor (MC)
- '50-million-year-old turtle fossils discovered in central QLD oil shale mine', newspaper article
- 'The race to protect frog from a deadly pathogen gets a much needed boost', Smithsonian.com

**Aug - Sept '15**

- 'Reptiles and frogs in our neighbourhood', by Geoff Robertson
- 'Snake picnic - life' ACTHA member Steven Holland, speaker at June '15 Mtg, summary of presentation by Editor (MC)
- 'Northern Corroboree Frog breeding & release Program, Tidbinbilla ACT', Murray Evans, TAMS, speaker at June '15 Mtg, summary of presentation by Editor (MC)
- 'ACT Government welcomes \$625,000 boost to protect native species', media release
- 'How scientists brought an extinct frog back to life: extinction might not be forever', ScienceAlert
- 'Climate change is turning male dragon lizards into females', UC Science News- 'Little Whip Snake seen during burn-off'

**Oct - Nov '15**

- 'Dragon Hunting in the Monaro Region', Tim McGrath, UC, speaker at Aug Mtg, summary of presentation by Editor (MC)
- 'Yet another deadly snake species discovered in Australia', the guardian

**Dec '15 - Jan '16**

- Mulligan's Flat ACT, volunteers patrol area in response to turtle deaths due to fencing
- 'Managing kangaroo grazing for the conservation of grassland and grassy woodland fauna', Brett Howland, ANU, summary of presentation by Editor (MC)
- 'The party's over for the Striped Legless Lizard in Australia's capitial', newspaper article
- 'Frog loving french town constructs frog tunnels to prevent roadkill', newspaper article
- 'A tour of Canberra Nature Map', by Geoff Robertson



**Feb - Mar '16**

- 'Rosenberg's Monitor', by Geoff Robertson
- '*Snakes Alive!* exhibition 2016 at ANBG, overview with pics
- 'Rare sea snake discovery off WA coast' and 'Fighting Chytrid Fungus' newspaper articles

**Apr - May '16**

- 'Urban hazards for turtles', abstract from published paper by Bruno Ferronato, ANU
- 'Herpetofauna on Canberra Nature Map (on internet)', article by Geoff Robertson
- 'Pygmy blue-tongue lizards, once thought extinct, bred in SA's Monarto Zoo', newspaper article

**June - July '16**

- 'ACTHA fieldtrip to Gosford Reptile Park, NSW, and a the Central Herp Society Reptile Expo', overview of trip
- 'New gecko species discovered', 'Hybrid turtle possible first in Aust' newspaper articles

**Aug - Sept '16**

- 'A travelogue: field trip to Sarawak, Malaysia', Ian Brennan, ANU, speaker at April '16 Mtg, summary of presentation by Editor (MC)
- 'The Caecilian, an overlooked amphibian', Dr Emma Sherratt, ANU, speaker at June Mtg, summary of presentation by Editor (MC)
- 'Boa constrictors, venomous snakes among 30 reptiles seized from WA home', newspaper article

**Oct - Nov '16**

- 'How land management influences connectivity for herpetofauna', Nicole Hansen, ANU, speaker at Aug '16 Mtg, summary of presentation by Editor (MC) and Nicole Hansen
- 'Australia's rarest tortoises (Western Swamp Tortoise) get ne home to save them from climate change', newspaper article

**Dec '16 - Jan '17**

- 'Adventures with Rosie & Rex - monitoring Rosenberg's Monitor on Mt Ainslie ACT 2013- 2016', Matthew Higgins, speaker at Oct '16 Mtg, 2 newspaper articles are reproduced which cover content of talk
- 'New frog species in Newcastle, Mahoney's Toadlet, *Uperoleia mahonyi*', newspaper article

**Feb - Mar '17**

- '*Snakes Alive!* exhibition 2017 at ANBG', overview with pics
- 'Rosenberg's Monitors on Mt Ainslie - She's back!', Matthew Higgins
- 'The contentious Ellerton Drive extension, Queanbeyan', newspaper article
- 'How snakes lost a blueprint for making limbs', Sciencedaily

**Apr - May '17**

- 'The ACT's venomous snakes, dry bites and first aid', Ric Longmore interview, by Margaret Ning
- 'Save The Frogs Day', advert
- 'Herping in Indonesia: a travelogue', Damien Esquerré, ANU, speaker at Feb '17 Mtg, summary of presentation by Editor (MC)
- '8th World Congress of Herpetology, Hangzhou China, Aug 2016', Bruno Ferronato, 2nd guest speaker at Feb '17 Mtg, plight of turtles in Asia, summary of presentation by Editor (MC)
- 'Relocated 350kg crocodile swims 400km to return home in North Queensland', newspaper article

**June - July '17**

- 'Into the lair of the feathered serpent: Mexican Herpetofauna', Carlos Pavon, ANU, speaker at April '17 Mtg, summary of presentation by Margaret Ning and Geoff Robertson
- 'Carpet Python sighting posted on Canberra Nature Map', ACT Licensing provides advice

**Aug - Sept '17**

- 'Travels through Papua New Guinea to the land of the Rupahi clan, Wau Creek', Matt Young, UC, speaker at June '17 Mtg, summary of presentation by Margaret Ning
- 'Growling grass frog discovery in Victorian wetland boosts chances of receiving environmental water', ABC news

**Oct - Nov '17**

- 'Discover the hype - New geckos in the north', Dr Rebecca Laver, speaker at Aug '17 Mtg, summary of presentation by Editor (MC)
- 'Meet frog recording pioneer Murray Littlejohn: a man who heard music in amphibious murmurs', ABC news
- 'Infection threatens endangered Christmas Island reptiles', ACT Government advice

**Dec '17 - Jan '18**

- 'Is your pet reptile OK?', Mandy Conway, first speaker at Oct '17 Mtg, discussing pet python husbandry and observation
- 'Northern Corroboree Frog breeding & release Program, Tidbinbilla ACT', Dr Murray Evans, Senior Ecologist, TAMS, guest speaker at Oct '17 Mtg, summary of presentation by Editor (MC)
- 'Slater's skink makes a remarkable comeback after species thought extinct', ABC news
- 'Urgent rescue mission to save Australia's frogs using smartphone app', newspaper article

**Feb - Mar '18**

- '*Snakes Alive!* exhibition 2017 at ANBG', overview with pics
- 'Reptile surveys in the Cowra region', by Dave Smith
- 'How one man's passion for lizards and snakes grew into the Canberra Reptile Zoo', ABC news article about ACTHA member Peter Child
- 'Researchers warn of spreading fungus deadly to snakes', New York Times
- 'American corn snakes sighted in South East NSW', NSW Government advice
- '1.5m carpet snake found in Canberra Nature Park', by Tim the Yowie Man, CT

**Apr - May '18**

- 'Surveyors and water catchments: shaping Canberra's boundaries', Brett McNamara, ACT Parks and Conservation Service, guest speaker at Feb '18 Mtg
- 'Exotic milk snake found at McDonald's drive-through in Canberra', newspaper article
- Several other venomous snake encounters

**June - July '18**

- 'Meet a reptile!' initiative. shinglebacks and pythons from ACTHA members', April '18 Mtg
- 'Herpetofauna of Sri Lanka' followed by talk on '*Bassiana duperreyi* skink sex reversal and determination', Duminda Dissanayake, UC, guest speaker at April '18 Mtg
- 'Zoos Victoria release eggs to help Corroboree frogs leap out of extinction', newspaper article
- 'Native geckos with GPS backpacks and fluoro tattoos thriving against the odds on Queensland cattle station', ABC news

## Aug - Sept '18

- 'Meet a reptile keeper!', *Morelia* and *Aspidites* pythons, June Mtg
- 'Farmers call for more snake antivenom at regional hospitals', newspaper article
- 'Recovery plans failing Australia's endangered species', newspaper article

## Abbreviations

Editor (MC)	ACTHA Newsletter Editor, Mandy Conway
ABC	Australian Broadcasting Commission
ABNG	Australian National Botanic Gardens
ACT	Australian Capital Territory
ACT P&CS	ACT Parks and Conservation Service
AFTCRA	Australian Freshwater Turtle Conservation & Research Assoc
ANU	Australian National University
CITES	Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Flora & Fauna
COG	Canberra Ornithologists Group
CSIRO	Commonwealth Scientific & Industrial Research Organisation
FNAC	
IAE	Institute for Applied Ecology (UC)
MARK	Monaro Amphibian and Reptile Keepers Group
Mtg	Meeting
NSW DEC	NSW Department of Environment & Conservation
NSW DECC	NSW Department of Environment, Climate Change & Water
NSW NPWS	NSW National Parks & Wildlife Service
OPMV	Ophidio Paramyxovirus (of snakes)
RMIT	Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology
TAFE	Technical and Further Education
UC	University of Canberra (formerly Canberra College of Advance Education)



