



We hope this e-news will become a regular occurrence.

This Network was formed in response to the turtle crisis caused by 2011's very hot Summer when many of Perth's metropolitan lakes dried up resulting in widespread turtle deaths and a mass rescue of debilitated turtles.

Membership is free but you'll still need to fill out a membership form to become a member.

Although our official name is Turtle *Oblonga* Rescue and Rehabilitation Network Inc, we will also be using Turtle *Oblonga* Network as a trading name



### Website and Facebook

Although our website is now *live*, it's still a work in progress for which we'd welcome your suggestions and comments as we want the website to be informative, accurate and accessible.

Thanks to Karen who's taken on the role of Membership Secretary as well as the website, we now have a Facebook page ~

[www.facebook.com/TurtleOblongaRescueandRehabilitationNetworktorrn](http://www.facebook.com/TurtleOblongaRescueandRehabilitationNetworktorrn)

If you've got any pictures of Oblong turtles or any news about them, Karen would love to hear from you at [membershipsecretary@turtleoblonganetwork.org.au](mailto:membershipsecretary@turtleoblonganetwork.org.au)

### Next General Meeting –Next Sunday 20 May, 12 noon at Kanyana Wildlife, 20 Gilchrist Road, Lesmurdie

Our next General Meeting will be held on Sunday 20 May immediately following the Turtle Housing Workshop. If you have any items you'd like added to the meeting Agenda please let us know no later than the Friday before the meeting. Kindly note that items not added to the Agenda before the meeting will not be discussed; instead they will be added to the Agenda for the next meeting.

To ensure that everyone gets both a chair and a cuppa, and so that we know we can expect a quorum, we'd appreciate an indication of your attendance. As we're never quite sure how many people will be in attendance we often find that we've overbought on consumables like milk and food. Just a quick email to say you're coming is all we need. Apologies are also appreciated.



### Turtle Housing Workshop – This Sunday 20 May, 10am at Kanyana Wildlife in Lesmurdie

We're beginning at the beginning with **Turtle Housing** and this presentation which will be given by Ruth Haight, RVN, will be held at Kanyana on Sunday 13 May between 1000-1200. The cost of \$10 will include notes and morning tea with the revenue split between Kanyana and the Turtle Oblonga Network. We'll have a variety of housing and husbandry items on display to illustrate the session. Please register with Ruth – [secretary@turtleoblonganetwork.org.au](mailto:secretary@turtleoblonganetwork.org.au) – if you'd like to attend.

### Marine Turtle Workshop

Naragebup Environment Centre will be holding a Marine Turtle Workshop on Sunday 10 June, 12.30 through to 3pm. Be on time as the afternoon kicks off with a sausage sizzle followed by a talk on Marine Turtle Rescue with Pauline Whitehead after which they'll be the opportunity to meet the turtles and other resident reptiles. Cost is \$15. **Bookings are essential to secure your place – please phone 9591 3077 to book.**

### Turtle Oblonga Network at Kanyana Wildlife's Open Day

As is the way of the rain god when outdoor events are planned, Kanyana's Open Day was threatened with rain. Ruth and Dianne were dry, if not warm, thanks to the plastic they rigged up over the marquee at the outset. Sales of the turtle themed jewellery were disappointing although the bank account has received a welcome boost. Once we photograph the jewellery it will go onto the Turtle Shop page on the website. We were in a good location between an enormous fire-truck and the toy tent both of which were child magnets - with parents in tow. We managed talk to a lot of interesting people and handed out a lot of *What to do if you find a Turtle* information sheets. The public interest in turtles and the awareness of their plight is heartening.



### Endangered Mary River turtle.

Why ?

Just to put a smile on your face !