



WRECK ROCK

TURTLE MONITORING PROJECT.

Turtle Care Volunteers

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FORTHCOMING SEASON 20th November 2025 – 2nd February 2026

December 2025 NEWSLETTER.

Hi All,

Don't forget bookings of sites can be made 12 months in advance now.

Wow what a start to the season. Nev, Peter and Bev left Buderim on the 20th November with 2 caravans in tow and a large trailer containing the Mule and a Quad. Good trip up. Arrived mid afternoon and set the 2 vans in place. Unfortunately there is no running water. Waiting for the plumber to come and look at the pump. Got the Vehicle Tent set up and the annex on the Millard. Nev returned home on Saturday 22nd November and then the fridge in the Millard decided to throw a hissy and not work correctly. Bev and Peter tried many things. Bev was ringing Dempster in Bundy for suggestions. Nev returned on Monday with the capsule in tow. (Were we going to stay, no water, fridge not working?) Got the van booked in on the Wednesday, but on Tuesday morning Nev had been fiddling with leads at the back of the fridge, don't know what he did but it started working. Wasn't taking the chance. Pulled down the annex and took the Millard back to Bundy on the Wednesday. Nev had a meeting he could attend whilst in town. Yep they couldn't fault the fridge. Bev and Peter had done a few night time runs, lots of greens visiting, 1 flatback visited and laid and very few loggerheads visiting. Peter returned home on the 26th November. A beautiful wide beach. Already sand is being washed away from areas where we don't need it to. Not sure what is happening but a lot of the turtles are coming up over the Rocks at Flat Rocks. Lots of fox prints and the goannas have started patrolling also.

Nev returned to the Sunshine Coast on the Thursday 27th November. Collected the truck on the 28th November finalised more things at home, loaded the Truck, attended a Teams meeting Saturday afternoon, as did Bev, so that they can get their Trainer Status. Nev returned to Wreck on Sunday 30th November. – still no running water. Unfortunately Aub is now unable to come and Camp Sit so Bev sent many urgent messages to try and find someone. Thanks to Mark at lot 30 he has recommended Peter from lot 31 who will camp sit till the 7th December. He may stay longer just got to shift his bed. Another worry sorted and a godsend found.

Thanks to Damo (and Natalie and the girls) we were able to get the rest of the tents and gazebo up on the 1st and 2nd December. Our camp is looking nearly complete. The Radio trailer still to be installed. A job for the boys later next week.

Bev & Nev returned home on the 3rd December with the Truck. If you ever need to get your body stressed ride in an empty 3 ton truck. .

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The season will get into full swing from the 11th December till 26th January when we will start to dismantle the site, take the first load home, bring the Truck back to load up and take gear back to the farm and make the final trip home on the weekend of 31st January 1st February. (lot 31 Peter has already offered his assistance at this pack up time)

For ease here it is in a table.

DATE	ACTIVITY	HELPERS REQUIRED
27/01 – 1/02/26	Pulling down camp site, collect truck, load it – transport gear to farm. Final pack and return to Sunny Coast	Yes

Please be mindful that you must be financial to volunteer with Turtle Care Volunteers Qld Inc. This gives you insurance cover and inclusion under our permits. The renewal form is attached to this email. Please renew ASAP . If you have recently joined you have already paid for the 2026 year.

The meeting that Nev attended in Bundy in November was discussing the smaller mesh size. It now appears that 4 smaller cages will be made and tested to see if our goannas can get into them. This is being done before major changes are carried out to the current cage.

We have had a few new members join recently and they will be attending during the season for training and hopefully become volunteers for our future seasons. Once Nev and I sign our Trainer Forms we will be classified as Trainers till September 2026 and it is hoped before then that a more formal arrangement will be in place for this as well as training volunteers to work the beach.

Bev had started to write up the data on the Computer Sheets whilst she was sitting around camp at nite. Did that and then went to add them to the Computer. The computer had the 2024 database added to it before we left. Bev had checked it out before leaving home and all worked well. Unfortunately it wouldn't open at Wreck. Don't know what it is with my turtle laptops. They just hate being idle from March to November. Hopefully all will be rectified soon.

As you are aware we became a Registered Charity on the 12th December 2022. As such any donations received are now tax deductible. If you know of anyone who may be interested in making a donation, monetary or goods, please get in touch. I know our "Special Committee" would be very appreciative of any fundraising suggestions. The "Special Committee" are given a target each year to raise funds for specific purposes e.g. funding to run the project – At the present time we have no grant funding available. We were contacted recently to make an application for a grant and hopefully Nev's many hours spent preparing the grant application will be successful but we won't know till May 2026 – not helping this season.

The bag is set up at Wreck and we are receiving containers already. Thanks go to those who are making donations to Containers for Change both here in Qld and WA. Don't forget our number is C10407459 and every container helps. Those who visit Wreck during the season are aware that we set up a bale to collect these containers. Do you know of a location that you may be able to collect these items and take them to a Depot?

Our AGM will be held on Sunday the 5th April at the Centre, Buderim normal starting time 10 am . Please if possible keep this date free and attend. If you are unable to attend I can forward a "Proxy" Form closer to the time. Apart from the AGM it is a time when we talk about last season's results and suggestions for 2026/2027 season.

Received word from the film crew from who came out last season "The plan is to film the last episodes in between April-June 2026 and broadcast the series in late 2026."

I think that is all for now. We hope to head back to Wreck on Tuesday 10th .

Merry Christmas & A Happy New Year Everyone

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