



WRECK ROCK TURTLE MONITORING PROJECT.

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Wow Polly 2 has arrived. She has been booked in to be rustproofed, and the paperwork has been started to get her registered.

“With funding support from the Gambling Community Benefit Fund”

Thanks also to Farm and Garden Products Rockhampton.

We are giving serious thought to trading in the Wolverine and looking at a smaller, lighter unit. If you know anyone who might be interested in purchasing the Wolverine please let us know. It would be fantastic if this change over didn't cost us anything



As previously advised our newsletters now appear on our Webpage and it has created some interested. We also have some items to sell e.g. mugs, stubbie coolers shirts and hats. If someone is interested in getting this set up on Facebook or what ever please let Bev know.

In our March Newsletter we advised that we would be retiring our 2-way radios from the beach, and the base stations. If you happen to know somewhere where this may be sold please let us know. All have been serviced since our return last season. We will then move to **Starlink Mini** units for each side-by-side vehicle — just like the one we've successfully been using in our caravan at base camp.

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The benefits of this upgrade will be enormous:

- Reliable, secure communication
- Improved personal safety on the beach
- Minimal ongoing costs
- Far less physical set-up work

Our goal is to purchase three units: A complete unit, including accessories and the monthly fee, is approximately \$1,600.

- Community donations

We've already received donations towards this Starlink project. Remember, all donations are tax deductible — just be sure to request an official receipt. Please consider being part of this important step forward. Your support will truly make a difference.

The Truck has been booked for our trips to and from Wreck. Dates for the season are as follows :-

25 th November	Pick Up Truck and load it
26 th November	Drive to Wreck and start the set up process
29 th November	Truck is returned to Budget
1 st December	Camp sitters arrive Bev and Nev return to the Sunny Coast on the 2 nd
8 th or 9 th December	Bev and Nev return and the season gets into full swing
Turtle Season	We have some time still available but please if you are coming this season we need those dates as we don't want a lot of people at one time, which can't patrol and none at others when we need assistance,
23 rd January	Start pulling down the camp site
27 th January	Truck returns to Wreck to load
30 th January	Truck return to Sunshine Coast
3 rd February	Bev and Nev leave season finished.

Our Management Committee are currently going thru our Constitution checking to see that it is up to date and feel that it may be in our best interest to change the financial year of our organisation. Currently 1st January to the 31st December and change to the 1st July to the 30th June. This would then mean that the full turtle season would be within 1 financial year and not split over two as is currently the case. This would also mean that our AGM would need to be held before turtle season starts e.g. no later than November. A good time for those who travel may be the Sunday after the annual training day second Saturday in November. Or would a totally different week-end be better. Please give this some thought and let the Committee know. This will also change the date for membership.

With the change to Starlink the Ipads will be our means of communicating. We are investigating a programme called **How Zello**

1. **Group Channels:** You can create a single private channel (e.g., "Company Operations") and add all 4 iPads to it. When one person speaks, the other 3 will hear the audio live and instantly. [\[1\]](#)
2. **1-to-1 Private Calling:** Besides talking to everyone at once, any iPad user can select a specific individual from their contact list to have a private, one-on-one radio conversation.
3. **Live Audio Playback:** If an iPad is unmuted, the voice message will blast out loud automatically without the receiving user needing to tap or accept the call.
4. **Message History:** If a user is away from their iPad or briefly loses Starlink line-of-sight, Zello saves the audio. The user can replay the missed voice messages as soon as they are back online.

We are also looking at Bluetooth speakers so that you will be able to hear the call whilst moving in the vehicle.

Our Data programme is set up for the coming season onto the Ipads. Hopefully any changes that were suggested from last season have been made. If you were involved with the beach monitoring last season and you remember a special question that needed amending please check with Bev that that has been made.

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Don't forget the 7th Australian Marine Turtle Symposium is being held on the Gold Coast

As October approaches, we would like to remind delegates who are planning to stay at Sea World Resort to arrange their accommodation if they have not already done so.

The symposium will be held at Sea World Resort, and staying on site offers convenient access to symposium sessions and networking opportunities throughout the event.

We encourage delegates to book soon, as availability at the symposium venue may become more limited closer to the event.

Accommodation details and booking information are available on the symposium [website](#), and bookings at the discounted delegate rate can be made [here](#).

We look forward to welcoming you to the Gold Coast in October.

Kind regards,

The Australian Marine Turtle Symposium 2026 Organising Committee

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7th Australian Marine Turtle Symposium
<https://www.conftool.net/ausmarineturtlesymposium2026/>
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Also don't forget the annual Training Day held here on the Sunshine Coast is planned for the 14th November. Additional details will be sent out as they arrive.

Once last thing.

We are looking for a reliable person or couple to look after the Centre while we work with our Turtle Conservation Project in December and January.

In exchange for keeping the Centre secure and some light duties we will provide a site for your van, close to amenities and with power and water.

Use the Centre as a base for day trips exploring the Sunshine Coast and Hinterland.

I think that is all for now. Please let us know if you have any questions or thoughts on how to do some fundraising.