

Training for Wildlife Researchers - the FNSW Process



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Wildlife Schools

- Held regularly since 1992
- Initially aimed to train FNSW staff for pre-logging surveys
- Train people in the survey, identification and management of fauna

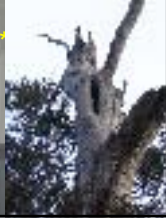
What Courses?

- General Training School *
- Frog Bat and Reptile School *
- Mammal and Nocturnal Bird School *
- Woodland Birds School
- Feral Predator School
- Whatever anyone wants (ACEC School?)



What is taught?

- Survey and research techniques – options and best practice for use
- Identification methods – includes safe storage and handling of animals
- Management of Species (video**)
- Ethical and Legal requirements



Who and Where?

- Experienced and recognised experts in each fauna group
- Usually at field stations, but always in suitable field locations
- At appropriate times



What Happens?

- Covers three to four days
- Talks by experts
- Trips into field
- Group discussions
- Identification sessions – dead and live specimens
- Tests (sometimes)



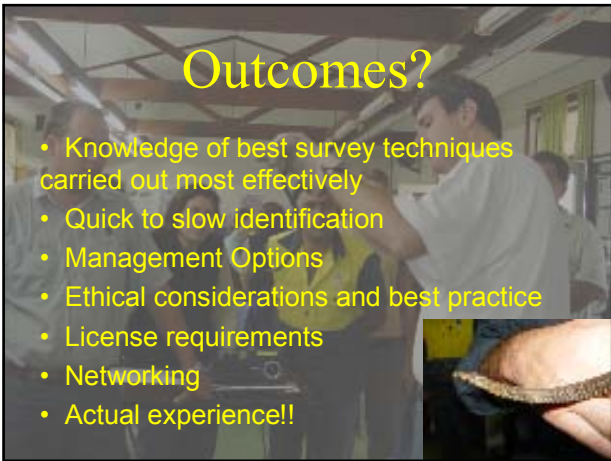
Who Attends?

- SFNSW Staff
- DECC Staff
- Other NSW Government Staff (Amanda?)
- The Feds
- Private Consultants
- Students
- Anyone interested



Outcomes?

- Knowledge of best survey techniques carried out most effectively
- Quick to slow identification
- Management Options
- Ethical considerations and best practice
- License requirements
- Networking
- Actual experience!!



ANY QUESTIONS?

FNSW Survey and Research Protocols

