

This is the 1st newsletter



Frog and tadpole study group

The first meeting was held on Tuesday 10 December 1991 in the Biological Sciences building (Blg E) of Sydney Technical College. About 40 meeting information sheets were sent out (including 10 interstate), 15 apologies were received, and the following came to the meeting: Harald Ehmann, Noelene Gabelish, George Hassaplidakis, Steven Kum Jew, David Millar, Barry Nilsson, Martyn Robinson, Lothar Voigt and Dan Wotherspoon. We each introduced ourselves by outlining our interests in frogs.

We looked at and briefly discussed letters from Australian National Parks and Melbourne Zoo, as well as several leaflets and books that were tabled.

The meeting was quite informal, with a lot of group discussion about a range of frog topics, including:

1. Frog declines and cause(s), and Frog-watch.
2. Frog breeding techniques and some practical demonstrations.
3. The scope of current frog and tadpole research in Australia.
4. Inbreeding problems with captive frogs.
5. Potential problems with releases to the wild.
6. The protected status of some frogs in NSW.
7. Parasite identification and control.
8. Frog calls and their meanings.
9. A contact list was prepared for circulation.

We also watched a crash-edited 15 minute video of the Marsupial Frog including lengthy but naturally slow sequences of the tadpoles entering the male's pouches.

We decided to defer a decision on a more formal group structure to a later date.

Light refreshments were available throughout the meeting.

NEXT MEETING

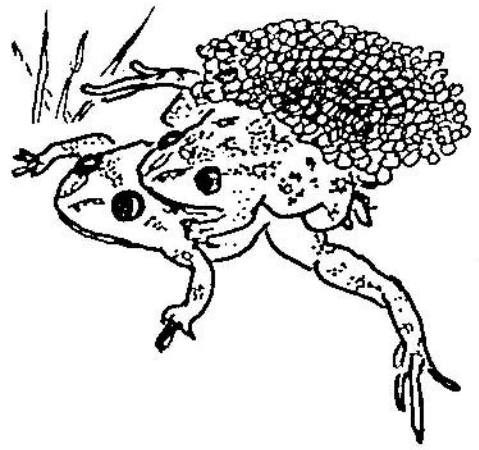
The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 4 February at 7:30pm in Building E, Sydney Technical College (corner of Thomas and Harris Street Ultimo). The venue is an eight minute walk from Central Railway Station. There will be notices in the foyer and corridors to assist you in finding the meeting place. We may have a guest speaker. For further information phone me on 2173290 during work day afternoons after Tuesday 28 January 1992.

Please invite anyone who may be interested.

*And may you have a Happy Christmas
and New Year !!*

Harald Ehmann
Convenor

20.12.91



The inaugural "Notice of Meeting"

Dear

Re: Frog and Tadpole Study Group

Due to the upsurge of interest in frogs, their biology (especially reproduction), and the threats to the survival of some species, it is appropriate to convene a meeting of persons interested in the study of frogs.

Accordingly you are invited to attend the first meeting, which is intended to provide:

- 1) a forum for making contact with others with similar interests,
- 2) disseminating information on current study and research projects (including for instance finer points of breeding and raising techniques, problems of returning captive bred frogs or tadpoles to the wild, and possible inbreeding problems, Frogwatch),
- 3) outlining current legislative requirements,
- 4) a venue at which future directions for a study group can be discussed (eg. more formal structure, affiliations, study/research directions).


Date and Time: Tuesday 10th December, 7:30pm 1991

Place: Building E, Sydney Technical College
Corner of Thomas and Harris Streets Ultimo

There will be notices in the foyer to assist you in finding the meeting room.

I hope to see you there. If you have any questions before the date please call me on 217-3290 (best time Tues-Fri pm or early evening).

Regards,

 28 Nov 1991

Harald Ehmman
Convenor

