 

**Wet and Wild**

**2022, Week 2 – Answers**

**Welcoming Visitors to Our Wet & Wild**

**Australian Fur Seal,** Brown fur seal *Arctocephalus pusillus*

1. I am found from the coast of NSW, Victoria, Tasmania to South Australia.

3. I was hunted for my dense coat of woolly underfur and long, outer hairs that keep me warm.

6. I am the largest of this type of species.

12. I breed on rocks in Bass Strait between October and January.

17. My new born pups are almost black on the back and grey on the belly.

23. I can grow to weigh 350kgs and am a very agile swimmer.

**Bluebottle jellyfish**, Portuguese man o' war *Physalia utriculus*

2. I am often washed ashore on the beach by winds and tides.

5. I have a gas-filled float that keeps me buoyant.

11. My sting is painful and the person’s body part should be treated in hot water at 45°C for 20 minutes.

16. I am mainly blue and I use my tentacles to paralyse my prey.

18. Each ‘animal’ is actually a colony that depends on each other.

22. Armadas of these organisms can be found in marine waters in the Indian and Pacific Oceans.

**Yellow-bellied Sea Snake** *Hydrophis platura*

4. I breathe air like my terrestrial relatives.

9. I have scales on my body. The upper half is black and the under half is yellow.

13. I can spend up to 2 hours underwater before I need to come to the surface to breathe.

14. I have a paddle shaped tail to help me swim.

20. I am venomous and I have a forked tongue.

24. I shed my skin every two to six weeks, which is more frequently than those on land.

**Bar Tailed Godwit** *Limosa lapponica*

7. I am a quite large mottled brown wader.

8. My tail is barred with brown.

10. I arrive in Australia in August from the northern hemisphere.

15. I probe my long, upturned bill into exposed mud to find food in coastal areas.

19. I’m the world record holder for non-stop flight: travelling 11,000km in 8 days straight

21. I breed in Northern Asia and Alaska.

