



# Wet and Wild



## Traditional uses of the Wet & Wild

### 2017, Session 1, Week 2 – Answers

**'Read carefully' was my advice last week and I missed a word in clue 3. Oops! So we have accepted freshwater common names for Australian turtles even though clue 13 was pretty specific. Good luck for the last week of the challenge.**

#### **Water Lily** Nymphaeaceae

5. Grow in freshwater across northern Western Australia, Northern Territory, Queensland and northern New South Wales.
7. I am rooted in soil, with my flowers and leaves floating on the water.
11. I have spectacular flowers that come in various colours of white, pink, red, apricot and yellow.
12. I grow in many countries but have some native species.
21. My spectacular flowers only open on sunny days. Rain would fill my flowers and make me sink.
23. The bulbs and roots are roasted before eating. Seed pods (just below the water surface) can be eaten raw. The stems are roasted and chewed.

#### **Humpback Whale** Megaptera novaeangliae

- 1 I have distinctive knobby protuberances on my head and long flippers.
- 10 Stranded animals were valued for their meat. Bones were used for shelters, weapons and utensils while the blubber had uses for varnishing tools and weapons.
- 15 I live in all oceans of the world and I can grow to 16m.
- 19 I migrate 25 000 km per year between cold water and warmer water for calving.
- 22 I was nearly extinct due to hunting.
- 24 I am the totem of the Darkinjung People of the Central Coast of NSW.

#### **Emu** Dromaius novaehollandiae

- 2 I'm a valuable source of food for the Aboriginal people and also used in ceremonies and medicine.
- 4 I feature in Aboriginal astronomy and my dark nebulae can be seen near the Southern Cross.
- 6 I'm nomadic and feed on plants and insects.
- 9 The male incubates and raises the young.
- 14 Communicate via loud booming, drumming and grunting noises.
- 18 Used for meat, eggs (eaten and used in art), leather and oil.

#### **Murray or Macquarie Turtle** Emydura macquarii (Also accepted Australian freshwater turtles.)

- 3 I am classified as a 'side necked' and my head and neck are **not** as long as my shell.
- 8 I have clawed webbed feet and a distinctive yellow iris.
- 13 My common and scientific names relate to NSW rivers.
- 16 Caught by the women who waded into the water and felt around for the smooth hard shell.
- 17 I am frequently seen basking on rocks or logs.
- 20 This reptile provided an oily meat and was traditionally cooked upside down on hot coals.