



Wet and Wild



Traditional uses of the Wet & Wild

2017, Session 1, Week 2 – Clues

- 1 I have distinctive knobbly protuberances on my head and long flippers.
- 2 I'm a valuable source of food for the Aboriginal people and also used in ceremonies and medicine.
- 3 I am classified as a 'side necked' and my head and neck are as long as my shell.
- 4 I feature in Aboriginal astronomy and my dark nebulae can be seen near the Southern Cross.
5. Grow in freshwater across northern Western Australia, Northern Territory, Queensland and northern New South Wales.
- 6 I'm nomadic and feed on plants and insects.
7. I am rooted in soil, with my flowers and leaves floating on the water.
- 8 I have clawed webbed feet and a distinctive yellow iris.
- 9 The male incubates and raises the young.
- 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.
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.
- 13 My common and scientific names relate to NSW rivers.
- 14 Communicate via loud booming, drumming and grunting noises.
- 15 I live in all oceans of the world and I can grow to 16m.
- 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.
- 18 Used for meat, eggs (eaten and used in art), leather and oil.
- 19 I migrate 25 000 km per year between cold water and warmer water for calving.
- 20 This reptile provided an oily meat and was traditionally cooked upside down on hot coals.
21. My spectacular flowers only open on sunny days. Rain would fill my flowers and make me sink.
- 22 I was nearly extinct due to hunting.
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.
- 24 I am the totem of the Darkinjung people of the Central Coast of NSW.