

Marilyn Connell CV

P O Box 95, Tiaro. Queensland 4650 Australia

Academic

1990 – Associate Diploma Applied Science Grovely TAFE, Brisbane
Graduate Certificate Forest Science, University of Melbourne

2002

QPWS two day freshwater turtle training workshop which provided training in capture, identification, handling, measuring, tagging Nov 2002, Mary River at Munna Creek bridge site.

2010

Field Course on Conservation, Management & Research of River turtles,
Freshwater turtle Field Course on Conservation, Management & Research Insituto Nacional de Pesquisas da Amazônia, Brazil

Experience

2001 – present

Mary River Turtle Conservation Project

Project Leader and volunteer with Tiaro and District Landcare Group Inc
Field Assistant, University of Queensland post graduate students
Developed a Key to the Freshwater turtles of the Mary River in collaboration
with Eva Ford, Mary River Catchment Co-ordinating Committee
Co-ordinated a display of the Mary River and threatened species at
Tiaro Craft Cottage

Awards

Winston Churchill Fellowship 2010 to research community river turtle projects in
Malaysia, Sri Lanka and Brazil
Fraser Coast Regional Council Mayors Choice Environment Award 2010
Fraser Coast Regional Council Citizen of the Year 2011

Presentations

May 2011 – Freshwater turtle workshop, Sunshine Coast Regional Council
March 2011 – Gympie Field Naturalists Club General Meeting
March 2011 – Wide Bay Burnett Conservation Council AGM
February 2011 – Mary River Catchment Co-ordinating Committee General Meeting

Conference Papers

August 2011

Oral & Poster Presentation at 9th Annual Symposium on the Conservation & Biology of Tortoises & Freshwater turtles, Orlando, USA

October 2009

Oral presentation “Turtles, a river, a people – a symbiosis” Better Catchments and Healthy Habitats symposium, Kingaroy, Queensland, Burnett Mary Regional Group

August 2009

Two oral presentations at 7th Annual Symposium on the Conservation and Biology of Tortoises and Freshwater Turtles, St Louis, Missouri, USA

February 2009

Oral presentation “Community drives conservation actions for endangered Mary River turtle” Australian Freshwater Turtle symposium, Brisbane, Queensland Australia

February 2007

Oral presentation “A Landcare Group listens to a Penny Turtle” at Farmland to Fraser – Resource Managers and Science Symposium, Hervey Bay, Burnett Mary Regional Group

Publications

Flakus, S., Connell, M. *The Mary River turtle yesterday, today, tomorrow*. 2008. Tiaro & District Landcare Group Inc.

Connell, M., Wedlock, B. 2006 *Mary River Turtle Protection: Tiaro District of Southeast Queensland*, 2005 2006 nesting season, Conservation technical and data report, Volume 2006 Number 8 Queensland Environmental Protection Agency

Note: A free PDF version of The Mary River turtle yesterday, today, tomorrow is available from the website: www.maryriverturtle.com