



# Wet and Wild



## Traditional uses of the Wet & Wild

### 2017, Session 1, Week 1 – Answers

**Congratulations for participating in our biggest Wet and Wild competition EVER!**

**Thanks for getting the entries in on time.**

**Don't forget to read the clues carefully and put the answers in numerical order.**

#### **Bogong Moth** *Agrostis infusa*

- 4 I am an insect and an important food source for animals
- 6 I can travel over 1500kms during my very short lifespan of 1 year
- 13 I migrate south to spend summer in cool rock crevices of the Australian Alps and move north to breed in autumn
- 14 The Ngunnawal People roast then use pebbles to grind into a paste; they even have a festival for me
- 18 I have a wingspan of 50mm with 2 light spots on my wings
- 21 I fly and feed on flowering gums at night and descend at first light to rest

#### **Swamp Wallaby** *Wallabia bicolor*

2. I have dark brown fur with lighter rusty patches
5. I am the only member of my 'Wallabia' genus
7. I am found in open forest, thick forest undergrowth and heathland as well as swamps
19. I am a browser, eating mainly branches and leaves
20. Scientists believe I am very similar to the early ancestors of all kangaroos
23. Part of my common name is derived from the Dharug language

#### **Yabby, Crayfish** *Cherax destructor*

1. It can take me up to 6 hours to shed my shell as I grow
3. I may be brown, green or pale blue and can grow up to 20cm long
9. I am a scavenger and grasp my prey using claws
11. I live in fresh water and was traditionally gathered in baited, woven fish traps
17. My shells have been found in riverside middens
22. I have 5 pairs of walking legs

#### **Paperbark, Tea tree or Cajeput tree** *Melaleuca sp*

8. I'm a shrub or small tree and have soft, spongy bark that is shed in sheets
10. I grow well close to water and tolerate inundation
12. I provide shelter, nesting sites and nectar
15. An important use is the oil that is found in the leaves and can be used as an antiseptic
16. My bark was traditionally used for bandages, cradles, sleeping mats, shelter and for wrapping food in when cooking
24. I grow in coastal forests on the east coast.