

**President's Report**  
**TURTLE CARE VOLUNTEERS QUEENSLAND, INC.**  
**11<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

This report outlines the activities of Turtle Care Volunteers Queensland Inc. (TCVQ Inc.) for the period April 2025 to March 2026.

Although Turtle Care Volunteers Queensland Inc. and the Wreck Rock Turtle Monitoring Project are distinct entities, their work is closely connected. In practice, it is difficult to report on Turtle Care without also referring to the activities undertaken through the Wreck Rock project.

Turtle Care Volunteers Queensland Inc. was formed in 2003 to support the Wreck Rock Turtle Monitoring Project, which operates under the Queensland Turtle Conservation Project (QTCP) with approval and oversight from the Department of Environment, Tourism, Science and Innovation (DETSI).

Our purpose is to foster conservation through the study and enjoyment of marine turtles, primarily by raising funds to sustain the monitoring program at Wreck Rock. While TCVQ Inc. provides support and funding, it does not direct or control the monitoring activities. All fieldwork follows DETSI methodologies under approved Animal Research Ethics requirements, and all procedures adhere to QTCP guidelines for both scientific monitoring and volunteer involvement.

A warm welcome is extended to all new members who have joined us over the past year. Membership does not require participation in the monitoring team; we continue to value and appreciate family members, friends, and supporters who contribute in many other ways throughout the year—whether through moral support, fundraising, or essential behind-the-scenes tasks. Conversely, all volunteers who participate in the Wreck Rock Monitoring Project must be members of Turtle Care to ensure they are covered under our permits and insurance.

The funding received over the past five years through the Australian Government Reef Trust Partnership and the Great Barrier Reef Foundation concluded in 2025. We are sincerely grateful for their contribution, which enabled us to operate effectively and prepare for future seasons. With the end of this program, however, there is now uncertainty about funding for the coming years.

We also thank the Burnett Mary Regional Group (BMRG) for securing support for us through the Queensland Government's Nest to Ocean project and the National Landcare Regional Land Partnership Programme (Protecting Saltmarsh and Marine Turtle Monitoring).

BMRG again provided the use of a Kawasaki Side by Side for the season. For many seasons the "Mule" proved extremely useful and well suited to our needs in dry

conditions. Unfortunately, due to mechanical issues that were uneconomical to repair, we reluctantly returned the Mule to BMRG midway through the season.

The tagging and monitoring program was successful, although the record 2024–25 season was not repeated either at Wreck Rock or elsewhere along the coast. Unfortunately fox predation was a lot worse this season and the goanna predation lower. We thank the Acting RIC Ranger – Agnes Water who organised a fox trapper to visit Wreck. We believe we now have 9 foxes less on the northern side but still a lot of sightings around the Conservation Park on the south.

Because of the mechanical problems with the Mule, our two side-by-side vehicles carried a much heavier workload, as did our ageing quad bike. Sadly, the quad now needs to be retired due to its age—and that of its operators. We remain extremely grateful for donations and sponsorships, and again acknowledge and thank DT Rustproofing of Maroochydore for their continued support in maintaining the Wolverine and Polaris.

We have made the decision to retire our aging two-way radio system, as ongoing repairs and maintenance have become increasingly costly and the erection of the antenna is now difficult to manage. In its place, we will be adopting mini-Starlink units for each side-by-side vehicle, following successful trials during the last season.

To support this transition, it was proposed that we launch a fundraising campaign, inviting members and groups to contribute tax-deductible donations of \$50. As Turtle Care is a registered charitable organisation, these contributions will directly assist us in securing the new equipment needed for future operations.

Following the retirement of Dr. Col Limpus in December 2024, a significant gap has emerged in the collection and analysis of data for the Queensland Turtle Conservation Project. A new training process is still under development, and Bev and I have been accredited, on a temporary basis, as trainers. Col is now an accredited independent consultant and continues to serve as Turtle Care's technical consultant. We greatly appreciate his ongoing guidance and expertise.

Several grant applications have been submitted to help future-proof the project and improve support for our volunteers. One application has been unsuccessful, and others are still pending.

Finally, I would like to personally thank all our members and volunteers. Your commitment, generosity, and willingness to contribute make this project possible, and I ask that you continue your invaluable support. A special acknowledgement goes to Peter, who spent many weeks with us during the season and stepped up to assist Bev when my own health issues prevented me from participating in most physical activities. His help was greatly appreciated.

Unfortunately there was a major issue with the water pump at the Campsite this season which presented many issues, including taking water containers down to the toilet block to collect water for showering etc. We found out when going to make our booking of a Camp Site at midnight on the 22<sup>nd</sup> August that camp sites can now be prebooked 12 months in advance. This did create a problem and a lot of searching waiting for cancellations to get a site for the full project period.

SPECIES	2025 2026 SEASON			2024 2025 SEASON		
	NEW TAGGINGS	RECAPTURED TURTLES	TOTAL	NEW TAGGINGS	RECAPTURED TURTLES	TOTAL
LOGGERHEAD	28	46	74	43	67	110
GREEN	16	22	38	19	15	34
FLATBACK	2	1	3	1	1	2
SEASON TALLY	46	69	115	63	83	146
Green Juvenal	3	1	4		1	1

The following figures are what we recorded during our time at Wreck. This is not the total for the full turtle season

NESTS LAID	LOGGERHEAD	GREEN	FLATBACK	UNKNOWN	TOTAL
2024/2025	290	68	10	6	374
2025/2026	185	111	11	35	342

HATCHLING RUNS	LOGGERHEAD	GREEN	FLATBACK
2024/2025	28	12	3
2025/2026	13	10	8

ADULT VISITS	2024/2025	2025/2026
		802

We are excited to advise that in April 2025 we received \$2,500.00 and we have just now received an additional \$10,000.00 from VivCourt

VivCourt is an Australian proprietary trading firm founded in 2011 and headquartered in Sydney. It trades global financial markets using the company's own capital rather than managing money for retail clients. The firm operates across shares, futures, options, ETFs, currencies, commodities and other markets, using advanced technology, quantitative research and trading systems to identify opportunities and generate returns.

What makes VivCourt distinctive is its purpose-driven ownership model. The company has no external shareholders, so profits are reinvested into its people and the wider community. After rewarding staff through performance bonuses, a significant share of profits is directed to charitable organisations through its Social Bonus Program.

VivCourt's goal is for every employee to receive \$10,000 twice a year (around \$20,000 annually) to donate to a not-for-profit organisation of their choice. This gives employees a direct role in supporting causes they care about, including climate change, mental health, food insecurity and social justice.

Over the past four years, VivCourt reports donating more than \$21 million with no restrictive conditions, trusting organisations to use the funds where they are most needed, including salaries, rent or advocacy. In simple terms, VivCourt combines high-performance trading with a strong commitment to social impact.