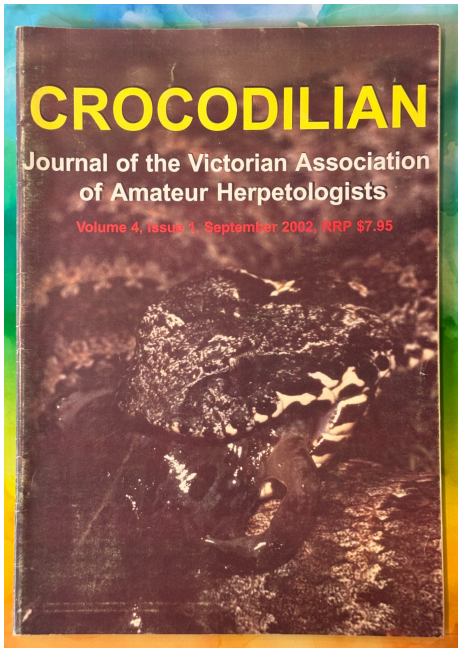
Crocodilian: Journal of the Victorian Association of Amateur Herpetologists

Magazine Research Record



Volume 4, Issue 1, September 2002. Earliest issue represented in the collection.

Publication Identification

Field	Information
Country	Australia
Publisher	Victorian Association of Amateur Herpetologists (VAAH)
Publisher address	Pending research update
Magazine title	Crocodilian: Journal of the Victorian Association of Amateur Herpetologists
Publication status	Presumed discontinued; no verified current publication activity
Publication run	Documented from at least 2000 through November 2007; first and final publication dates unverified
Editor	Seona Adams
Printer	Pending research update
ISSN	Pending research update
Language	English
Publication type	Herpetological association journal covering reptiles, amphibians, captive keeping, field observations and taxonomy
Publication frequency	Pending research update
Collection coverage	Volume 4, Issues 1 and 2 (2002–2003)
Earliest issue represented	Volume 4, Issue 1, September 2002
Latest issue represented	Volume 4, Issue 2, August 2003
Years represented in the collection	2002–2003
Frequency (original record)	Not verified from the current record
Publisher(s) (original label)	Victorian Association of Amateur Herpetologists (VAAH)

Association president	Mick Pugh
Association secretary	Kelly Dougall
Association treasurer	Bernie Martin
Executive committee	Paul Tamis; Paul Hulett; Ian Dougall
Club website	www.vaah.org.au

Preservation Significance

These issues document a small Australian herpetological association publication that circulated in limited numbers yet became part of the scientific and taxonomic literature. That combination of association publishing, limited circulation and later scientific citation makes Crocodilian particularly relevant to a preservation collection.

For the website, the physical-cover evidence should remain distinct from later research. The covers directly establish Volume 4, Issues 1 and 2, their dates, association title and $7.95 RRP. Article titles, page ranges, earlier and later issue evidence, and circulation context come from external bibliographic research.

The mastheads add another preservation layer by identifying the people and association structure behind the publication. They document Seona Adams as Magazine Editor, Mick Pugh as President, Kelly Dougall as Secretary, Bernie Martin as Treasurer, and Paul Tamis, Paul Hulett, and Ian Dougall as members of the Executive Committee. The mastheads also preserve the Victorian Association of Amateur Herpetologists website and meeting information, showing Crocodilian as a working association publication rather than an anonymous commercial magazine.

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Publication Metadata and Masthead Documentation

Field	Information
Publication	Crocodilian
Full subtitle	Journal of the Victorian Association of Amateur Herpetologists
Publishing organization	Victorian Association of Amateur Herpetologists (VAAH)
Country	Australia
Region	Victoria
Language	English
Subject	Herpetology; reptiles and amphibians; captive keeping and breeding; field observations; taxonomy
Publication character	Small association / club journal or magazine-like newsletter
Magazine editor	Seona Adams
Association president	Mick Pugh
Association secretary	Kelly Dougall
Association treasurer	Bernie Martin
Executive committee	Paul Tamis; Paul Hulett; Ian Dougall
Club website	www.vaah.org.au

Physical Issues in the Collection

Field	Information
Volume 4, Issue 1	September 2002: RRP $7.95

Volume 4, Issue 2	August 2003: RRP $7.95

Volume 4, Issue 1: September 2002

The physical cover establishes the title, association, volume, issue, date and recommended retail price. Independent bibliographic sources identify a major article in this issue by Raymond Hoser.

Field	Information
Article	Death Adders (Genus Acanthophis), an updated overview including descriptions of three new island species and two new Australian subspecies
Author	Raymond Hoser
Citation	Crocodilian: Journal of the Victorian Association of Amateur Herpetologists Incorporated 4(1):5–30
Significance	The paper contains formal taxonomic treatments and is indexed by Plazi TreatmentBank / ZooBank-linked records

Volume 4, Issue 2: August 2003

Independent bibliographic sources identify at least two Raymond Hoser papers in this issue.

Field	Information
Pages 11–14	The Rough-scaled Snakes, Genus Tropidechis (Serpentes: Elapidae), including the description of a species from far north Queensland, Australia
Pages 19–26	A new species of elapid (Serpentes: Elapidae) from Western New South Wales

Masthead and Association Evidence

The Volume 4 mastheads identify Crocodilian as the publication of the Victorian Association of Amateur Herpetologists and provide direct evidence of the association officers and magazine staff. Seona Adams is named as Magazine Editor. Mick Pugh is President, Kelly Dougall is Secretary, Bernie Martin is Treasurer, and Paul Tamis, Paul Hulett, and Ian Dougall are listed as the Executive Committee. The club website is given as www.vaah.org.au.

The mastheads also preserve local association activity. The 2002 issue advertises an upcoming VAAH meeting and the 2003 issue similarly provides meeting details and a map reference. This supports the characterization of Crocodilian as a member oriented association journal or magazine-like newsletter tied directly to club operations.

Date discrepancy in Volume 4, Issue 1

The physical cover of Volume 4, Issue 1 states September 2002, while the photographed internal masthead header reads August 2002. Both should be preserved exactly as printed. The website record should use the cover date for the issue identification while noting the internal masthead discrepancy as part of the publication history rather than silently reconciling it.

Contents Preserved in the Mastheads

Volume 4, Issue 1 includes Mick's Mumbling, Volunteers wanted to capture Reptiles, Death Adders, Sponsors Page, Changes to Victorias Wildlife Laws, Snake rips crab apart, Pails for Scales, Jungle Trading, Food Hall, Adder Spread, Common reptiles, Make combat in venomous snakes, Field herping in Singapore, Meeting information and map, Pythons Pit, The Spiny Tailed Gecko, and Auscroc.

Volume 4, Issue 2 includes Mick's Mumblings, Death Adders, Jungle Trading, Food Hall, Adder Spread, Common reptile material, Meeting information and map, Pythons Pit, The Spiny Tailed Gecko, and Auscroc, along with additional association and herpetological material visible in the contents listing.

Publication History / Research Notes

- Independent references show Crocodilian existed before Volume 4, including Volume 2 issues in 2000-2001 and Volume 3, Issue 1 in 2002.
- Independent references show that Crocodilian continued after these two copies; later citations record Volume 4, Issues 3 and 4 in 2003/2004.
- Additional bibliographic evidence establishes publication after 2004: Volume 5, Issues 1-3 in 2005; Volume 6, Issues 1-2 in 2006; and Volume 7, Issue 3 in November 2007. These citations establish continued publication activity, not the date of the first or final issue.
- A 2014 Journal of Herpetology article describes Crocodilian as a magazine-like newsletter of the Victorian Association of Amateur Herpetologists. It reports that around 2004 the association had approximately 50 members and print runs were only slightly larger than membership. This is evidence of limited circulation around that period, but it should not be treated as an exact print-run figure for the September 2002 or August 2003 issues without direct evidence.
- Crocodilian published papers proposing zoological names and is cited in later taxonomic literature and indexed taxonomic resources. The physical issues therefore have bibliographic significance beyond ordinary hobbyist-magazine collecting.

Website Category Placement

Material	Best label/type
Title, association, country, language and subject	Publication Metadata
Volume 4 Issue 1 / Volume 4 Issue 2, dates and RRP	Issue Metadata
Known articles and page ranges	Issue Contents / Bibliographic Research
Evidence of Volumes 2, 3 and later Volume 4 issues	Publication History
Small-club distribution and later scientific citations	Preservation Notes / Publication Significance
Taxonomic papers indexed in later resources	Bibliographic Research / Scientific Significance

Sources

Source	Use
The physical covers	Primary evidence for title, association, Volume 4 Issue 1 (September 2002), Volume 4 Issue 2 (August 2003), and RRP $7.95.
Plazi TreatmentBank	Independent bibliographic record for the 2002 death-adder paper in Crocodilian 4(1), pp. 5–30.
Herpetological paper bibliographies	Independent records for the two 2003 papers in Crocodilian 4(2), pp. 11–14 and 19–26, and evidence of earlier/later issues.
Journal of Herpetology (2014)	Historical description of VAAH, Crocodilian's newsletter-like format, member distribution and small print runs around 2004.
Volume 4, Issue 1 masthead	Primary evidence for Seona Adams as Magazine Editor, VAAH officers and committee, club website, internal August 2002 date, meeting information, and contents.
Volume 4, Issue 2 masthead	Primary evidence for the continuing VAAH officer structure, Seona Adams as Magazine Editor, club website, August 2003 date, meeting information, and contents.
Dated Crocodilian bibliographic listings, 2005–2007	Raymond Hoser publication bibliography documents Volume 5 issues (2005), Volume 6 issues (2006), and Volume 7, Issue 3 (November 2007). https://www.smuggled.com/pap1.htm