

Snakebusters, The Hands On Reptile Show of Choice for Schools

Snakebusters, for the best interactive "hands on" reptile lectures and shows

"Snakebusters" is owned by Raymond Hoser. The most important part of "Snakebusters" is reptile shows, displays and the like. As one of Australia's most respected herpetologists, there is probably no one else who knows his stuff more than Raymond Hoser. In 1989 he authored/published the book "Australian Reptiles and Frogs" still regarded as the reptile book of choice for Australian reptile people (as well as 8 other books) and his research findings into creepy crawlies are cited everywhere. Hoser's been at the leading edge of Australian herpetology (reptile science) for more than thirty years and it shows! As for his snake shows, no one can entertain like Raymond Hoser and his expert staff. His energy and sense of humor is legendary and those have had a Hoser snake show or display would swear never to have another by someone else ever again.

Shows are tailored to fit the audience at hand and Raymond Hoser (or his skilled co-worker/s) will adapt the show or display on the run (if necessary) to better fit his customers. For example, some people are afraid of anything scaly and have to be treated differently to those who have little or no fear of reptiles. The same applies in terms of how much people know or the age of the audience. While most talks and shows go just under the hour, these can be varied, although as a rule, audiences are spell-bound for as long as Raymond Hoser talks. Most of the time, the audience is kept to about 30 people and they are spread out in a semicircle around Raymond Hoser as he brings out the reptiles. In almost all talks, tame non-venomous snakes are brought out and freely handled and likewise for slow-moving lizards.

VENOMOUS SNAKES.

These are our most popular shows and even the venomous snake talks end with the nice (harmless) snakes as invariably almost everyone wants to touch one. While for non-Snakebusters shows there is always a bite risk for the handler or even spectator of the venomous snakes, this isn't the case for ours.

You see we have surgically removed the venom glands from our "show snakes" so that they are completely harmless.

Yes, the snakes look identical (it is impossible to tell the difference, other than by opening the snake's mouth, looking with a magnifying glass and knowing what to look for).

Snakebusters are the only reptile lecturers to have such snakes in Australia (we call them "venomoid"), being the only people to date to have successfully performed the operation on numerous snakes, making Snakebusters the first choice for in-school talks for people concerned about safety matters.

Yes, we have venomoid, Tiger Snakes, blacks, browns, death adders, copperheads and so on.

And if we need a "normal" unaltered venomous snake for "milking" displays or similar, we've got them too.

Putting it another way, you'll never look at deadly snakes the same way again!

We also have the best "other" reptiles as well, such as lizards, tortoises and crocodiles too. Generally these are used in our shows as well.

MORE.

Raymond Hoser only uses reptiles in optimal health and condition for his shows. Hence there is no known germ or disease risk from the reptiles. Furthermore, just to reassure the animal lovers, there is no undue cruelty or stress on the reptiles, but notwithstanding this, you'll be amazed at just how much handling and human contact these reptiles will happily put up with.

For groups who've had a snake talk before, Raymond Hoser can bring along different kinds and give it all such a different slant that it'll definitely be an experience not to be missed.

SCHOOLS, ETC.

Live reptile shows are always popular with school-age children and none more so than Raymond Hoser's Snakebusters shows.

No one else has the expertise and ability to impart information like Raymond Hoser and his team. Audiences are captivated and teachers

will be stunned at how he can have the undivided attention of a full class of students for the hour or so his interactive show goes on.

Several basic lecture plans are used and others can be formulated to suit the special needs of the group, their study curriculum or whatever. For example, science students can be given a talk with hands-on emphasis on the physiology and biology of the reptiles themselves, while arts students can be shown some of the amazing variation and diversity in reptiles. Students are encouraged to touch and handle innocuous reptiles and for many this is a first time experience.

As for other lectures and shows, parents and adults are also recommended to attend and while our preferred group size is about 30, there is some latitude here and often we do groups of 50-60.

Printed class study sheets are available on demand (see our website) and most groups receive free a copy of a CD-Rom which usually sells for \$55-\$140 and is the reference of choice in terms of Australian Reptiles and frogs and Endangered Animals of Australia. The information on this CD-rom is vast including nine books, over 100 papers and articles, etc.

Pricing is from \$220 per live reptile show and less per session if several are booked at once. We can usually work things out to get a per student cost of about \$5 a kid or less.

For further details, including schools recently visited, testimonials, etc, visit:

<http://www.snakebusters.net>

For general inquiries, bookings, etc, phone (within Australia) 0412 777 211.

Warning: Children exposed to Snakebusters snake/reptile shows may badger their parents for a pet python or lizard!



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