

Oblong or long-necked turtles are out and about near your lake. Here's how you can help them!



Please place this flyer on your fridge and/or add our numbers to your phone, in case you find a turtle that needs your help when you're out and about.



**Turtle Oblong
Rescue & Rehabilitation
Network**

**For help, rescue and advice,
please call one of our emergency numbers
(don't text)**

East Metro - 0424 727 411

South Metro - 0424 727 624

North Metro - 0414 476 867

*If for any reason the number in your area
doesn't answer, please try another.*

There is no fee for our rescue services

More info? www.turtleoblonganetwork.org.au

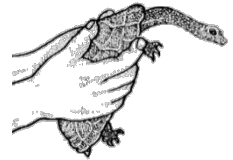


How do I pick it up? The turtle will not bite, but may *lightly* scratch you with its claws as it tries to escape; use a towel and grasp firmly like this. It will squirm strongly, so be ready and don't drop it.

What if it's crossing the road? If safe to do so, please carry the turtle across the road in the direction it was heading (don't turn it around or it will re-cross the road once you have gone!)

What if I find an INJURED turtle or hatchling?

- Please do not put the animal in water.
- Gently place the turtle on a damp towel in a secure container.
- Cover the turtle with a damp hand towel (reduces stress & flies).
- Place the container somewhere dark, quiet and cool (under 26°C).
- Call us on one of the numbers above and we will provide step-by-step advice.



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What if I find an UNINJURED turtle or hatchling? If the turtle/hatchling appears alert and healthy, you can return it to your lake. Place the animal in fringing vegetation away from predators.

If you are UNSURE or concerned that a turtle may be injured or unwell? Call us on one of the numbers above and we will provide step-by-step advice.

What if I find a NESTING turtle? Please guard her until she's finished laying her eggs and filling the nest (~30 min.) then carry her back to your lake.

What if I find turtle EGGS? Please leave the eggs undisturbed and call us. We can expertly relocate and incubate the eggs (if necessary for their survival). We can also advise on protecting any turtle nests found in your garden.