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# Snake fans vent at vain wife name

By MEAGAN DILLON

A SOUTHERN self-proclaimed reptile expert has been accused of "vanity publishing" by the international herpetological community after naming a deadly Territory snake in honour of his wife.

The British Herpetological Society and its Dutch counterpart have adopted resolutions to censure Victorian man Raymond Hoser for taxonomic vandalism because he has been naming reptiles without scientific evidence or peer review.

Mr Hoser said the species — called *Cannia (Pailsus) hoserai* — was a cousin of the feared king brown and was found in rocky outcrops between Katherine and the WA

**HANDLER BITES BACK**

A SNAKE handler banned from performing live shows after letting two snakes bite his daughter is fighting the move. Raymond Hoser, 51, appeared in the Victorian Court of Appeal yesterday to challenge the Department of Sustainability and Environment's (DSE) decision to cancel his wildlife demonstrator licence. The case was adjourned until June. The DSE stripped Mr Hoser of his licence to perform with snakes in 2011 after he had a taipan and death adder bite his 12-year-old daughter seven times in a show at a mall. The snakes had undergone a procedure to remove their venom glands, but the bites drew blood.

border. He said the snake had been appearing in papers as an "undescribed species" for about eight years.

"I thought, 'bugger this, it's about time it should be named,'" he said. "So I named it after my wife."

He said "Hoser" referred to his wife's surname and "au"

showed it was a feminine name in Latin, adding the newly named species was different to the king brown and common brown snakes by scaling on the head and tail.

But Mr Hoser's vigilante reptile naming has not gone unnoticed in herpetological circles — he is the subject of

a discussion paper about the best practices when it comes to naming new species.

The *Herpetological Review* stated: "(Hoser is) undoubtedly knowledgeable about reptiles and could potentially make meaningful scientific contributions.

"Instead he is producing unscientific herpetological taxonomy for apparently private purposes, based on vague descriptions, insufficient evidence, misrepresentations and other forms of malpractice."

But Mr Hoser said the report authors had a "personal" issue with him and were on a crusade to rename the species. "What these characters are seeking to do is to boycott my names and rename them," he said.

## 'A dingo's got my barbie'

By SARAH CRAWFORD

A TOURIST has called for dingo warning signs in a Central Australian national park after a bold canine ripped into her tent and ate her fruit cake and muesli.

Tourist Louise Maher told Alice Springs ABC the brazen canine bit through sealed plastic containers to get to the carefully stored food.

It even tried to snack on a packet of wasabi peas before dragging off with a posh bottle of whiskey.

A stunned Ms Maher managed to snap the dingo casually perched on top of a barbecue at the woodland camp ground at Redbank Gorge in the West Macdonnell National Park.

"It really had a good go at what it could find in the tent," she said.

Ms Maher said she and her partner were camping in the national park west of Alice Springs last week when the dingo ransacked their tent.

They returned from a bush walk through Ormiston Gorge to find containers and food packets strewn around their campsite.

"We looked inside the tent and found a hole in the netting like it had been clawed, and a hole like an exit on the other side which it had gone out dragging things with it," Ms Maher said.



A tourist snapped this photo of a dingo on a barbecue at Redbank Gorge in Central Australia

Her partner went off to book a room at the nearby Glen Helen Resort while she guarded the tent. It was then the dingo returned and posed on top of the barbecue.

Acting director of Central Australian Parks Chris Day said rangers had put up warning signs about the Yogi Bear-type dingo, but sadly it would now have to

be destroyed. Mr Day said even securing food inside a tent was not safe as the current scarcity of food sources in Central Australia meant dingoes were desperate.

## Hunt for 'missing' voters

ALMOST 1.4 million voters are missing from Australia's electoral roll, new figures show

And the Territory has the worst record, with almost 20 per cent of eligible voters not on the roll.

The Australian Electoral Commission is updating the voter roll ahead of the federal election scheduled for September 14.

Since laws recently passed allowing the AEC to directly enrol voters through cross-checking other government data, 80,000 people have been added to the roll and 310,000 addresses have been updated.

The AEC expects to add about 150,000 names to the roll before the election.

However, new figures posted on the AEC website show 1.39 million eligible voters are still missing from the roll.

In NSW, 400,000 voters are not listed.

One in eight of Queensland's 3.1 million eligible voters are not on the roll.

## Two stabbed in Katherine

TWO people were stabbed in Katherine's main street last night.

St John Ambulance paramedics took a 35-year-old woman to Katherine Hospital with a shoulder injury after she was attacked on Katherine Terrace just before 7pm.

A man outside a pub a little down the road was also taken to hospital by paramedics with a stab wound.

"Neither was too seriously injured," St John operations manager Craig Garraway said.

## Reptile scare in schoolyard

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It is understood that the snake was found near the area where students hang their bags on that classroom.

Ms Heaton said up to 100 highly venomous snakes were caught by Parks and Wildlife a year and most of them were in rural Darwin.

She said it was quite rare to find western brown snakes in more suburban areas of the city.

In April, a western brown claimed the life of Commerce-Pints A-grade captain Karl Berry, 26, at a training session.