

《澳洲干旱 蟒蛇钻进马桶寻水》

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Thirsty snakes slither into Australian toilets as dry season bites

Thirsty snakes are moving into north Queensland homes with two pythons recently found in toilets.

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Snake catcher Elliot Budd spent 15 minutes removing a 2.4-metre carpet python from a Townsville U-bend on the weekend, a week after he released a three-metre beauty found coiled in a toilet by tradesmen.

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All but the second snake's head and 10cm of its body was inside the toilet piping.

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Budd could not unbolt the toilet and said tugging at the creature would have caused it injury.

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"Its head was just sitting there looking right at you," he said.

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"After about 15 minutes of just holding him, he just came out by himself."

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Budd said he had never pulled a snake from a toilet before the first Townsville incident but he's recently removed snakes from pools, kitchens, offices and gardens.

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JamesCook Universityreptile expert Professor Lin Schwarzkopf said it wasn't usual for snakes to go into toilets.

James Cook University•Lin Schwarzkopf

She said they liked moist places with objects to hide under but had become more bold in the search for water during a dry breeding season.

"They can fit in under doors," she said. "There's not much you can do."

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Schwarzkopf said dripping taps, pipes and sprinklers could attract snakes, which posed little danger as long as an experienced removalist was called.

Vocabulary

slither(??) ?????

python???

coil??????

unbolt???

tug?????

reptile?????

sprinkler?????

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