

SILVERY GIBBON PROJECT

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THIS QUARTER ...

As many of you are aware, Dianne Gates retired from the Presidency and Main Committee in March and is taking a much needed rest after so many years of commitment to SGP. Dianne is still involved in SGP and has been very supportive of the transition.

For those that do not know me, my work experience over the last few years has been in business development roles in the civil construction and mining industries. I am currently completing my Masters of Environmental Management and I am a passionate conservationist and supporter of sustainable development, that is the meeting of the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. Enough about me!

Michelle, Karen and Clare visited the Javan Gibbon Centre in March and identified some issues. We are currently talking with our partner, Conservation International, as to how we can address these and move the Centre's role in Silvery Gibbon conservation forward. During this time of review, the Javan Sub-Committee was dissolved and it's functions have returned to Main Committee.

For the future we are looking to focus on other conservation initiatives for Silvery Gibbons, one of these is a Gibbon Workshop which is planned for March 2006 (see article below). In continuing to support our flagship, the Javan Gibbon Centre, we are hoping to promote education and assist local communities in areas of Silvery Gibbon habitat.

I look forward to seeing you at the Annual General Meeting.

Until next quarter!

Christina Farrington
President

NEW COMMITTEE MEMBER

Welcome to Clare Campbell who was elected to the SGP Main Committee in June. Clare works at Perth Zoo and was previously involved in SGP's Javan Sub-Committee. Her knowledge, advice and passion for the conservation of Silvery is invaluable to SGP.

SILVERY GIBBON CONSERVATION RAFFLE

Congratulations to the winners of the raffle which was drawn on 20 April 2005 at Perth Zoo.

First Prize (\$4,000)	R Woolman	Ticket # 09316
Second Prize (\$1000)	B Pullan	Ticket # 01867
Third Prize (\$500)	D Gillies	Ticket # 02454
Booksellers Prize	E Collodel	

Many thanks to all members who sold tickets for us. Special thanks to the Dianne, Karon, Simon, Tahlia, Jeff, Ursula, Elizabeth, Asep and Michelle who put in time at various markets. We raised just over \$2,000 from the raffle.

Congratulations to Perth Zoo on the safe arrival of Nakula, a new Silvery bundle of joy to parents Helca and Jury. Visit the Zoo and see this beautiful little boy!

NEW ARRIVAL AT JAVAN GIBBON CENTRE

In February we were advised that a young female silvery gibbon had been confiscated from a village near the Ujung Kulon National Park. A friend of Ida, our vet at the Javan Gibbon Centre, contacted her and offered to donate the gibbon to the JGC.

She was found abandoned on the ground after a flood and it is thought that she fell from her mother and was left behind. She is about one year old and has been named Moni. Ida hopes she will be a friend for Moli, the three year old male.

INDONESIAN GIBBON WORKSHOP

We have been approached by Susan Cheyne who works with the Kalaweit Centre in Kalimantan to take part in a Gibbon Workshop planned to be held in March 2006 near Bogor in Java.

The workshop will bring together gibbon conservationists in Indonesia for the first time where gibbon conservation is the sole topic. The purpose will be to facilitate dialogue between all gibbon conservationists, to share information and decide on the best courses of action for the future conservation and protection of gibbons in Indonesia.

SGP's Main Committee voted in June to support the workshop by contributing funds and will send two or three representatives to attend.

Other parties who have been approached for funding include Singapore Zoo, Gibbon Foundation, US Fish and Wildlife and Conservation International.



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The SGP Annual General Meeting will be held at 1pm on Sunday 18 September 2005 at Perth Zoo. This meeting gives members the opportunity to hear what SGP has been up to over the last year, have their say, ask questions, buy some SGP merchandise and have a yummy afternoon tea. Please pencil the date in your diaries.

Agenda items can be sent to the Secretary at SGP@silvery.org.au before 17th August 2005.

IS YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUE?

June is the time most memberships expire. We need your support to continue our work in saving the Silvery gibbon. The Silvery Gibbon Project is conservation in action and 100% of membership funds support the conservation of the *Hylobates moloch*.

See membership form on the back of this newsletter.

HARRY POTTER FILM NIGHT

The new Harry Potter film, *Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire*, is due out later this year. This film is based on the pivotal fourth novel in the seven-part tale of Harry Potter's training as a wizard and his coming of age. Harry wants to get away from the pernicious Dursleys and go to the International Quidditch Cup with Hermione, Ron and the Weasleys. He wants to dream about Cho Chang, his crush (and maybe do more than dream). He wants to find out about the mysterious event that's supposed to take place at Hogwarts this year, an event involving two other rival schools of magic and a competition that hasn't happened for a hundred years. He wants to be a normal fourteen-year-old wizard. Unfortunately for Harry Potter, he's not normal, even by wizarding standards. And in his case different can be deadly.

The Harry Potter film night will be held at the Astor Theatre on 1 December (unconfirmed). Confirmation of date and time will be provided in the next newsletter. Contact Linda to register your interest on 9279 1884 (leave a message on voicemail) or email SGP@silvery.org.au

ART AUCTION — A HUGE SUCCESS!!

The 2005 Silvery Gibbon Art Auction was held on Sunday 10 April 2005. This year a fantastic array of paintings, ceramics, glassware and sculptures were on offer. The auction was a great success with some very competitive bidding!

Congratulations to Dianne, Ellie, Pat, Shane, John, Ian and Kate of the Art Auction Sub-Committee for organising this highly successful event which raised about \$11,000 for SGP.

THE GIGANTIC JUNGLE SALE

We have rescheduled the Gigantic Jungle Sale to be held on Saturday 29 October 2005. The jumble sale will be held at the Collins Street Hall in South Perth. We have approached four other conservation groups to be a part of the day, to share resources and benefit us all.

If you have any jumble you would like to donate or can volunteer some time to help us on the day contact Sandy Caporn on (08) 490 8440 or by email at caporns@bigpond.net.au

All jumble donated to SGP will raise funds for SGP only.

SGP TOURS 2005

Madagascar 2005

There is only one place left for a man (to share) for this trip. It is a 28 day tour to see the beautiful lemurs, sifakas and chameleons in their natural habitat. This is a special tour with excellent photographic opportunities.

Departs: Early October 2005

Cost approx. \$7,000 pp twin share

For further information contact Ratna on (08) 9310 7352 or by e-mail at ratnasulastin@hotmail.com

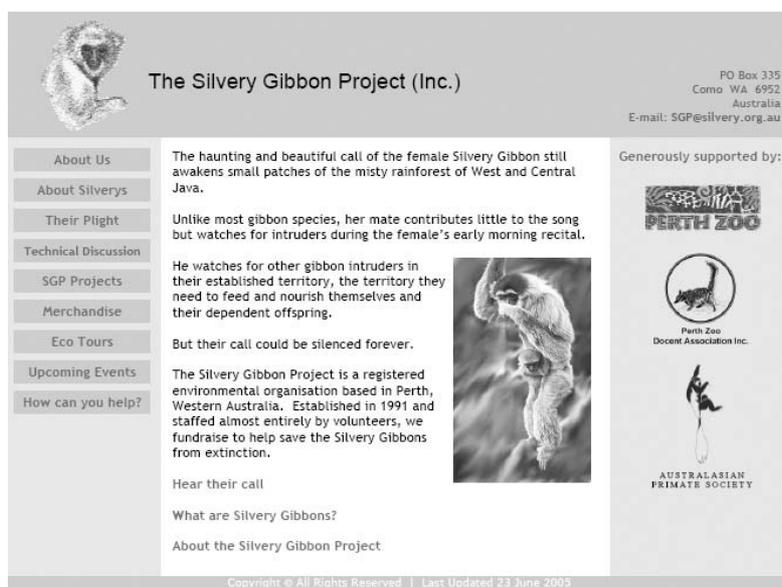
Other Tours

Unfortunately we have had to cancel the Java trip due to lack of interest. Bookings for the Singapore tour have now closed.

NEW WEBSITE LAUNCHED

We launched our new look website in June. The old website had not been updated for several years and needed a fresh look and updating of information. The website is still under construction in some parts and will be regularly updated. Thanks to Christina who, to save us a vast sum of money, took on the time consuming task of putting it together. Check out the site at www.silvery.org.au

Comments and feedback are welcome and can be sent to SGP@silvery.org.au



The screenshot shows the homepage of the Silvery Gibbon Project (Inc.) website. The header includes the organization's name, contact information (PO Box 335, Como WA 6952, Australia, E-mail: SGP@silvery.org.au), and a list of supporters: Perth Zoo, Perth Zoo Docent Association Inc., and the Australasian Primate Society. The main content area features a navigation menu on the left with links like 'About Us', 'About Silverys', 'Their Plight', 'Technical Discussion', 'SGP Projects', 'Merchandise', 'Eco Tours', 'Upcoming Events', and 'How can you help?'. The central text describes the project's mission to protect the Silvery Gibbon, mentioning its haunting call and the threat of extinction. A photograph of a Silvery Gibbon is displayed. The footer contains copyright information: 'Copyright © All Rights Reserved | Last Updated 23 June 2005'.