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In this issue...

Christmas is almost upon us. If you're still searching for that perfect Christmas present, why not give the gift that keeps on giving—Silvery Gibbon merchandise! Moli toys and earrings are available through committee members. See the last page for details. New T-shirts to come in the new year—watch out for these.

Since last newsletter we have seen a minor reshuffle with the SGP committee. Sadly during the year we have lost Sandy Caporn, Katy Jaksic and Linda Shone to other commitments. However the AGM has seen the nomination of two new committee members, and the return of previous president Dianne Gates to the committee. See below for more details of the AGM.

Changes have occurred at the Javan Gibbon Centre with relocation underway. It is hoped that this will allow for greater development of the centre and a chance to make a greater impact on the conservation of the silvered gibbon in its native Java.

A new fundraising initiative is on the cards—look out for details in the next newsletter. Plans are also underway for a revamping of the Silvery gibbon Project website, including the capacity to purchase merchandise and membership online. We hope to have this up and running early in the new year.

Until next time...

Karen Payne
Vice President

SGP Annual General Meeting

The SGP Annual General Meeting was held on Sunday, 29 October 2006 in the Education Theatre at Perth Zoo. In addition to the general business, members were given an update of what has been happening at the Javan Gibbon Centre over the last year as well as a plan for the future direction of the centre and the Silvery Gibbon project in general.

Nominations for committee were also received, with the addition of three new members to the committee, and the resignation of one member. The committee now stands as:

President: Christina Farrington
Vice President: Karen Payne
Secretary: vacant
Treasurer: Sharon Buckland
Special Project Liaison: Clare Campbell
General committee: Dianne Gates, Holly Thompson, Pam Willimott.

A big thank you to the committee for volunteering their time to help with this important work, and to those members who gave up their Sunday afternoon to attend the AGM.

Many thanks...

Many thanks to Linda Shone for her many years of service on the SGP committee as secretary. Her assistance has been invaluable and she will be sorely missed.

Javan Gibbon Centre is on the move!

As reported at the AGM, there have been some major developments since our recent visit to the Javan Gibbon Centre in September. The lease for the land on which the centre has resided since November 2002 was not renewed and as a result the centre was forced to relocate with very little notice. Luckily a new site has already been found not far from the previous site. Relocation of the animals and the facilities is already underway, however there is a lot that still needs to be done to get the centre fully functional.

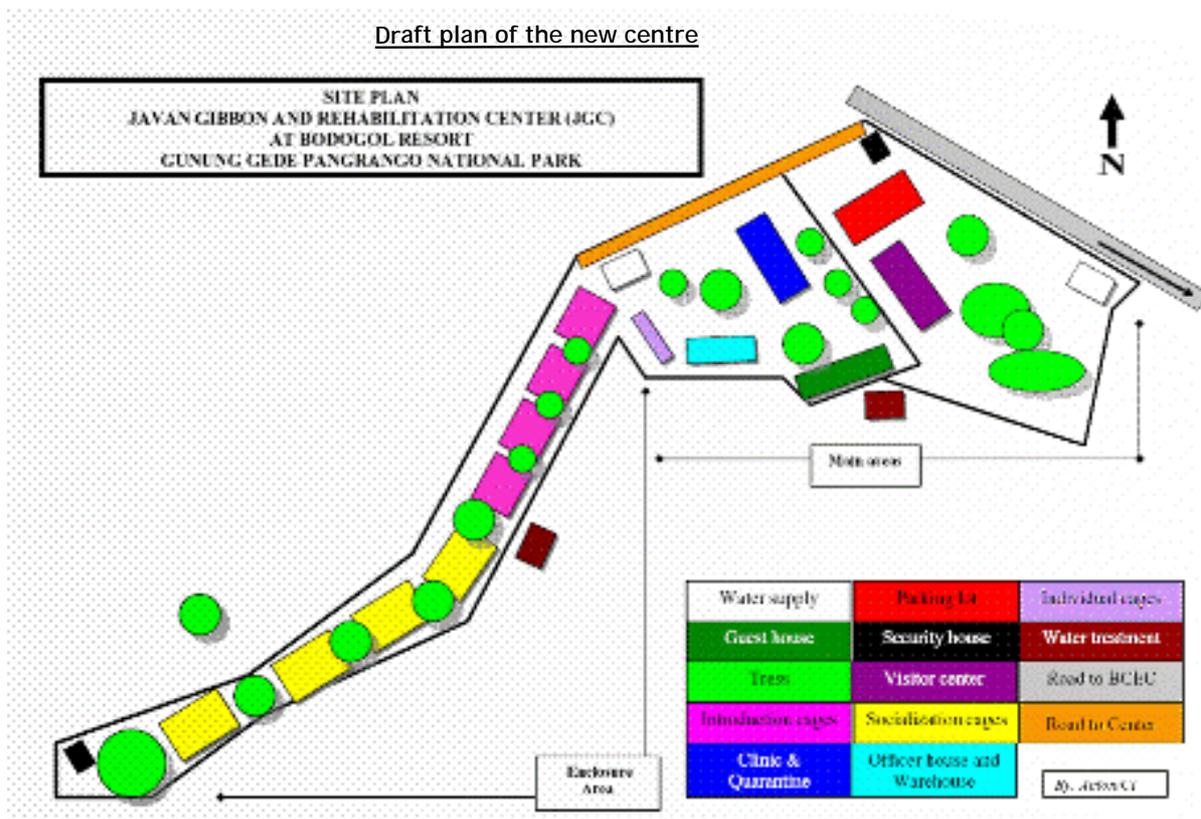
It is unfortunate that such little notice was given of the lease termination, as the ideal would have been to have the new facilities built before the gibbons were moved. With the current situation, the gibbons have had to be moved to temporary holding cages while the new facilities are constructed. It has however prompted some much needed progress and our hope is to build a bigger and better facility at the new site that can accommodate a much larger number of gibbons and allow for breeding, rehabilitation and hopefully release. We are hopeful that the new centre will be operational within a couple of months, however they are entering the wet season when construction work will become quite difficult.

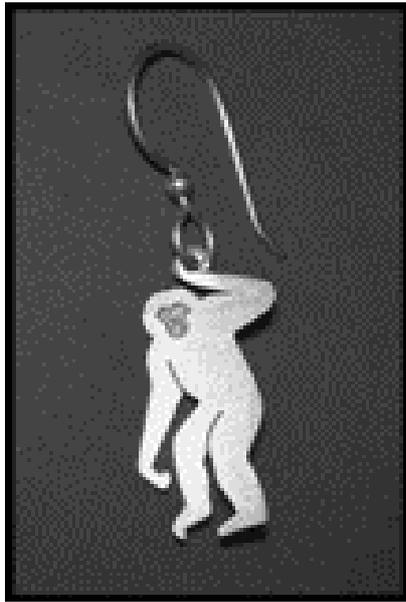


The new JGC site

In January we will be sending two committee members across to the centre to assess the site and the progress. We have arranged for this visit for a JGC staff member to visit the Kalaweit site in Palankaraya, Borneo as well as for Chanee from Kalaweit to come to the new JGC site and provide advice on developing the site.

Funds are desperately needed to ensure that the centre is up and running at the new site as soon as possible, and to ensure that enough enclosures are built to accommodate not only the current gibbons, but also a number of others from local rescue centres and villages. We hope to create a world class centre similar to Kalaweit that will contribute significantly to the conservation of this species. We need your support to make this happen.





Looking for that special
Christmas present?

How about a pair of Gibbon earrings?

Only \$15 a pair

- Silver and Brass designs
- Sterling silver/14ct gold filled earposts
- Limited number of other animal designs available

But wait... there's more!

Silvery Gibbon "Moli" toys



Only \$15 each OR 2 for \$25

The perfect gift for that hard to please child, or for someone who's just a child at heart!

Not only do you get a unique, affordable gift, but you get the warm fuzzy feeling of knowing your present has helped contribute to the conservation of a critically endangered species!

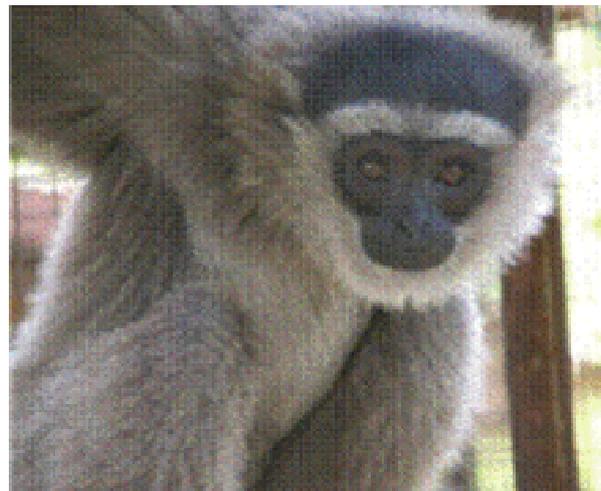
Now that's the true spirit of Christmas!



Go without for gibbons!



Want to know more? Stay tuned for more in the next newsletter & check out the website in mid-January.



Amazing Asia

Following the success last year of Amazing Aussie month, this year throughout the month of January Perth Zoo is running Amazing Asia month. Along with other local conservation groups working in Asia (Asian Rhino Project, Free the Bears fund, Australian Orangutan Project), SGP has been allowed to run an education stall in the homestead. Along with brochures, we will have colouring in for the kids and hope to have Moli toys for sale in the zoo shop. Come along with the kids in January and have a look.

Can you help?

We are always grateful for any help that people can provide. Right now we are looking for people who would be willing to help man stalls at local markets and the Amazing Asia stall during January. If you think you can help, please contact a committee member.

With the upcoming trips to Java throughout the year we have the opportunity to take over donated supplies to the centre. Silver Chain have generously donated some medical supplies that will be taken to the JGC and Kalaweit in late January. Thank you to Pam for organizing this. We will also be providing writing materials to equip a new school established by Chanee for local children near Hampapak. If you feel you can donate goods that will be of use to the gibbon centres, please let us know.

We are also happy to hear any suggestions on fundraising ideas or other ways that Silvery Gibbon Project can help with gibbon conservation.

In the next issue...

Stay tuned for the next issue, with an update of the January visit to the JGC, and more info on "Go without for Gibbons!". Plus profiles of your committee members—get to know who is representing you on SGP.