



# SILVERY GIBBON PROJECT

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## In this issue...

The last few months have certainly been a busy time for staff at the Javan Gibbon Centre. Eight pairs have been formed with a total of 25 gibbons now at the centre. The recent arrivals from Cikananga are reportedly doing very well, especially young Nakula the gibbon with Rickets. He is now moving around much more freely in a larger enclosure and his hair has even started to grow back.

Of course these extra arrivals have meant additional operational costs for the centre and the SGP crew are now working extremely hard to meet targets for the next financial year. This time of year is extremely important to us in terms of donations and we take the opportunity to remind our friends and members that all donations above \$2 are tax deductible. Please consider donating to SGP before the end of the financial year. Our future progress and hopes for conservation of this species are in your hands.

We would also like to take the opportunity to thank those of you who have been extremely generous with both your time and money over the last 12 months. We would not have been able to progress the centre to its current state without all of you. We have provided many gibbons the chance to once again behave like gibbons and we hope that in the very near future we will be able to take that next step towards reintroduction back into the wild!

In other news, we are very excited that the first Klosses gibbon has arrived at Kalaweit, Sumatra. Congratulations to the team at Kalaweit on this very important achievement in Klosses gibbon conservation. Funding has been secured to take another 25 gibbons currently being kept as pets to the rehabilitation facility on Marak Island. We look forward to hearing news of the future rescues.

Thank you to everyone for the fantastic feedback from the recent 60 Minutes story. We have been very happy with the response and the level of awareness that it has raised on the situation in Indonesia. We were fortunate enough to receive a few donations and adoptions as a direct result of this publicity and we hope that it will continue to help us to raise the profile of our organization and plight of the Silvery Gibbons.

For those of you who missed it or would like to see footage of the Javan Gibbon Centre please visit <http://sixtyminutes.ninemsn.com.au/article.aspx?id=418129>.

As mentioned earlier, Nakula, the disabled gibbon from Cikananga has shown enormous improvements and is enjoying his new enclosure at the Javan Gibbon Centre.



*Left  
Nakula July 2007  
at Cikananga*



*Right  
Nakula May 2008  
Javan Gibbon Centre*

## Javan Gibbon Centre Update

The Javan Gibbon Centre recently welcomed another new arrival, Robin! Robin was a donated pet from a family who lived near Mt Salak. It is great to know that news of the JGC is spreading and is motivation for people to willingly surrender their pets. This hopefully demonstrates an understanding that the keeping of such pets is inappropriate and will not result in further poaching, as forced confiscation so often can.

One of the JGC residents also recently had a wind pellet removed from her chest. We are unsure of her history but Bombom may have been shot along with her mother when she was younger in an attempt to get her for a pet. She has been housed at Cikananga for quite some time but is now happily residing at JGC and is paired with male Jowo.



## SPECIAL THANKS .....

After our great story on 60 Minutes was shown on TV earlier this year, 9 year old Alex Dickson from Snowy Mountain Grammar school, took the initiative to raise some much needed funds for the Silvery Gibbon Project.

Alex said: "It is a real shame that the Silvery Gibbon is close to extinction. People are cutting down so much forest that they soon might not have a home to live in. I wanted to raise some money to help save the gibbons".

Alex decided to hold a jelly bean guessing competition, with the help of his school mates, his school (Snowy Mountains Grammar), family and friends. He ran the competition over one week and sold tickets for 50 cents each or 3 for a \$1.

The end result was that Alex raised a fantastic sum of \$450.00 for the Silvery Gibbon Project. Well done Alex!!



*Alex Dickson (left) presents the winner of the jelly bean guessing competition, Sean Richards with his prize, a jar full of 663 jelly beans!*

## Upcoming Events

We are excited to announce the following events for 2008 and look forward to your attendance and support! Further information will be provided on these events so please make a note in your diary!

### Movie Nights

James Bond Movie Premiere  
Astor Theatre, Mt Lawley  
Saturday, 29th November 2008



### Movie Nights

Harry Potter Premiere  
Astor Theatre, Mt Lawley  
early December 2008

# Adopt a Gibbon Today!

The Silvery Gibbon Project has recently introduced an adoption program to our fundraising options. You can choose from six of the gibbons currently housed at the Javan Gibbon Centre who are available to be “adopted” for a period of 12 months. Unfortunately you do not get to take your chosen gibbon home with you, but your financial support will help to look after your chosen gibbon. Two adoption packages are available — a basic package for \$75 or a deluxe package for \$150.

The money raised through your sponsorship will go primarily towards helping to develop and maintain the centre and ensure the gibbons are provided with the best possible care. In addition, funds from the adoption program will also help to further the work of the Silvery Gibbon Project through funding of education programs and in situ conservation projects with the aim of protecting the remaining wild populations of silvery gibbons.

Details of the packages and a brief description of the gibbons available for adoption is contained below. For more information, go to the adoptions page on the website - [www.silvery.org.au/adoptions.html](http://www.silvery.org.au/adoptions.html).

## ADOPTION PACKAGES AVAILABLE:

### BASIC PACKAGE \$75

- Adoption certificate
- Copy of our latest newsletter
- 6 monthly update on your animal
- Silvery Gibbon fact sheet

### DELUXE PACKAGE \$150

- Adoption certificate
- Copy of our latest newsletter
- 6 monthly update on your animal
  - Silvery Gibbon fact sheet
  - 8 x 10 photo of your gibbon
  - Pair of silvery gibbon earrings

### KIS KIS

Age: 8 years Sex: Male

The soulful eyes of Kiskis are sure to melt the heart of any that look into them. After a life of solitude, Kiskis was recently introduced to female Yuki and the two have hit it off! Here's hoping Kiskis's mellow nature will rub off on his excitable companion.



### MOLI

Age: 7 years Sex: Male

Moli has been a resident of the JGC since mid 2004. After the relocation of the centre in early 2007 Moli was paired with another young gibbon, Moli. The two young gibbons are now happily enjoying the freedom of their forested enclosure.



## Meet the gibbons



### NANCY

Age: 10 years  
Sex: Female

Arriving in 2004, Nancy was one of the first gibbons at the original Javan Gibbon Centre site. Since moving to the new site in 2007 Nancy has enjoyed the company of her handsome companion Jeffrey.



### MONI

Age: 4 years Sex: Female

Moni first arrived at the Javan Gibbon Centre in early 2005 at less than a year of age and still needing milk. She had reportedly been in captivity less than a month. After handraising by the staff at the JGC she has grown into a charming young girl and is currently paired with Moli with a spectacular view of the forest from her enclosure.

### NAKULA

Age: 7 years Sex: Male

Nakula is likely to live out his life at the centre. A spinal deformity similar to rickets, has meant that he will be permanently disfigured and not likely to survive in the wild. He is otherwise a healthy animal and with his beautiful nature will make a great ambassador for the species.



### JEFFREY

Age: 10 years Sex: Male

Jeffrey has won the heart of many a visitor to the JGC. He has been a long time resident of the Javan Gibbon Centre, arriving in November 2003. In early 2007 he was paired with Nancy in a large forest enclosure and we are hopeful that the pair will make good candidates for release.







# Silvery Gibbon Project



## Can you help us?

The Silvery Gibbon Project has a projected budget of 100K for the 2008/2009 financial year. Please consider a tax deductible donation before **June 30** and help us save this magnificent species from extinction.....

Cheques payable to; Silvery Gibbon Project  
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Direct deposit to: BSB 016 267 Acct # 4985-83767

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## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Subscription covers the year 1 July to 30 June and members receive a quarterly newsletter. In order to conserve paper, we encourage members to choose the email option where possible.

Please send newsletter by:  Email or  Post

- I would like to join for 1 year\***  
\*Members joining before the end of March will receive 15 months for the price of 12 months  
Annual Fees are:                 \$30 for Australian Members  
  \$20 for Australian Pensioners  
  US\$30 for all International Members (email only)
- I would like to take advantage of discounted prices for multiple year memberships.**
  - \$80 for 3 years
  - \$125 for 5 years
- I would like to make a donation of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to assist the Silvery Gibbon Project in their cause.**  
\*Donations over \$2 are tax deductible

### PAYMENT OPTIONS:

- Please find enclosed my cheque / money order for \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Made payable to the Silvery Gibbon Project)
- Direct debit to (please advise via email):  
Silvery Gibbon Project         BSB 016 267         Account No: 4985-83767
- Please debit my credit card  Bankcard          Mastercard          Visa  
Card Number:                 \_\_\_\_\_|\_\_\_\_\_|\_\_\_\_\_|\_\_\_\_\_  
Cardholder's Name:         \_\_\_\_\_  
Expiry Date: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ for the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

*Thank you for your support, please mail or fax this application to the address above*

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