

# The SILVERY GIBBON PROJECT

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Dear Members

Welcome to the Christmas Edition of the Silvery Gibbon Project Newsletter. We hope that you will enjoy the updates on our projects.

Several months ago, Javan Gibbon Centre (JGC) staff welcomed two new arrivals. Jolly and Cika, adult and sub-adult females were transferred from Cikananga Rescue Centre to the JGC where they will hopefully soon be paired with suitable males.

From all reports Bombom and her baby continue to progress well, and released pair Echi and Septa have settled extremely well after a year in Pattiwel Forest. Habitat surveys have also been completed on some potential new release sites.

As we head into 2011, Silvery Gibbon Project (SGP) is making plans to increase our number of fundraising and social events and to become an even more dynamic organisation. We hope to issue an events calendar early in the new year and keep you up to date with the fundraising and social activities we have planned. We have also recently launched our facebook page 'Silvery Gibbon'. We hope that by venturing into the world of social media we can expand our member and friend base and most importantly increase awareness about the plight of Silvery gibbons. Please look for us on facebook and share with your friends and family!

We are also planning to launch some new merchandise early in the coming year, including a t-shirt range featuring the new logo. Stickers and lanyards are available now so please contact us if you would like to purchase before Christmas. Once again we have teamed up with the Australian Orangutan Project to produce a calendar. This years version is a little different from previous calendars and we hope everyone will like the desktop style. The calendars will be available from now for \$12 (including postage within Australia) and make an excellent Christmas gift.



Bombom and her baby (not yet named)



Echi and Septa enjoying their freedom in Pattiwel Forest

Thank you to those of you who attended our AGM on Sunday 28 November. The Annual Report is now available on our website, [www.silvery.org.au](http://www.silvery.org.au) including a comprehensive account of the year's activities.

We have a fantastic team on board for the coming year but we are always looking for fresh and enthusiastic additions to our committee. If you would like to volunteer your time or feel you have particular skills that could assist our mission, then please do not hesitate to get in touch.

**The Committee**

President: Clare Campbell  
Vice President: Karen Payne  
Secretary: Pam Willimott  
Treasurer: Sharon Buckland

**General Committee:**

Dianne Gates Holly Thompson  
Kate O'Connell Robin Stevens  
Belle Picchio Luke Newing

As always, we thank you for your support and wish you all a safe and enjoyable Christmas Season.

**Clare Campbell**  
**President, Silvery Gibbon Project**



Kate O'Connell



**Committee Profile:**

**Kate O'Connell**

Kate O'Connell joined the Committee of the Silvery Gibbon Project around three years ago and has assisted with a wide range of activities.

She is a local Perth girl, having lived in Western Australia all of her life. Kate has, however, travelled widely about the world. She travels to Africa on a regular basis, taking time to visit family members there, but her all time favourite destination is the small city of Iquitos, located on the Amazon River in the tropical rainforest in the Loreto Region of Peru.

Apart from her work in conservation and regular trips overseas, Kate enjoys being by the ocean and is a keen scuba diver. She trained as a veterinary nurse, and her whole working life has revolved around animal welfare. She joined the veterinary staff of Perth Zoo nine years ago, and her work and the related activities of conservation, remains her main passion in life.

She states in relation to her work in conservation:

“It has always been a passion of mine, and something so important to me. I want to promote the cause any way I can; and believe the key is education”.

And a favourite saying of Kate's sums up her approach to life and work:

In the end, we will conserve only what we love.  
We will love only what we understand.  
And we will understand only what we are taught.



## **Indonesian Students at a Week Long Conservation Study Program**

By Muhammad Abduh, Dede Rahmatulloh, Asep Somantri

This is an edited version of a report by Abduh, Rahmatulloh and Somantri, who attended a week long Conservation Study Program in Jambi Province, Central Sumatra. Their participation was supported by the Mobile Conservation Education Unit (MCEU), which is run out of the Javan Gibbon Centre in West Java, and supported by the Silvery Gibbon Project in Perth. Using the Javan Gibbon and Javan Hawk Eagle as flagship species, it has been operating for 6 years in Java. Its premise is to work on a conservation education program that moves from school to school and village to village. The study program was hosted by Frankfurt Zoological Society (FZS), which runs an Orangutan rehabilitation centre in the Jambi Province.

For strengthened capacity in reaching a wider group of people, Javan Gibbon Centre personnel have focused on Mobile Conservation Education Unit activities, supported by Silvery Gibbon Project. We had the opportunity to visit Jambi Province in Sumatra to participate in the Orangutan Conservation, which is run by Frankfurt Zoological Society (with support from Perth Zoo and other conservation organisations) in Bukit Tigapuluh National Park, Jambi Province. The purpose of the visit was to share information and methods in public conservation education activities through mobile unit programs.

Our visit began on June 28 until July 3 2010. The location was at Open Orangutan Sanctuary, Danau Alo. Other participants came from senior high schools such as, Tungkal Hulu, Tuah Kemuning and Batang Cenaku, with a total of 15 students. Location, domestic travel, board and lodgings were supplied by FZS. FZS staff demonstrated how they conducted education program for students to raise awareness for Orangutan conservation there.

During our visit we were involved in several activities, including:



<p><b>Day 1 (June 28, 2010)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arrive in Jambi and to FZS office met with Mr. Piter</li> <li>• Short discussion about mobile education unit in Java</li> <li>• Stay at Hotel</li> </ul>	<p><b>Day 3 (30 Juni 2010)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify point interest around Danau Alo</li> <li>• Visit to Orangutan facilities</li> <li>• Staff explained procedures at station and also management for Orangutans including an introduction to behavioural enrichment tools.</li> <li>• Presentation from Mobile Unit in Java and also presentation on Javan Gibbon Centre.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Day 5 (July 2, 2010)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Activities evaluation</li> <li>• Back to Jambi</li> </ul>
<p><b>Day 2 (June 29, 2010)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To the Open Orangutan Sanctuary (OOS) at Danau Alo.</li> <li>• Met the staff, briefing introduction the location</li> <li>• Sharing informal about Mobile Unit in Java</li> <li>• Stay at OOS,</li> </ul>	<p><b>Day 4 (July 1, 2010)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bird watching around station and identification for species founded.</li> <li>• Reptile introduction</li> <li>• Recycle session and presentation for each person</li> <li>• Games</li> <li>• Amphibian research</li> </ul>	<p><b>Day 6 (July 3, 2010)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Back to Jakarta</li> </ul> 

The impacts of this visit have been positive in exchanging experiences regarding education activities between two conservation programs which use two important species of primates in Indonesia, Orangutans and Javan gibbons.

## Tin Shake for Asian Rhinos, Orangutans and Silvery Gibbons

The Asian Rhino Project (ARP), Australian Orangutan Project (AOP) and the Silvery Gibbon Project (SGP) have again joined in fundraising efforts and conservation education. These organisations were established by concerned individuals who recognised the grim plight of each of these southeast Asian species. Habitat destruction and poaching has had a severely detrimental impact on these animals; and as a consequence the respective organisations face similar challenges.

Earlier this year they came together to organise a walkathon. They again came together in a *tin shake* in early October. As Holly Thompson of SGP put it they “joined forces in the city of Perth to shake tins to raise awareness and funds for these endangered species. All three organisations have been working collaboratively to get the conservation message out there to the general public. Balloons, toys, shirts caught commuters eyes, and it was a successful day”.

This is the second tin shake; the first was organised by Amanda Nooyen of AOP in June. She graciously invited the other two organisations to join AOP on the second tin shake on 1<sup>st</sup> October this year. “It was a new fundraising event for us, and allowed us greater communication to the general public about the Asian Rhino Project and our purpose”, said ARP State Manager Sophie Lourandos. Bill Waterer of

AOP - and long-time supporter of Silvery Gibbons and Asian Rhinos – was again mingling with the public to raise awareness about the plight of these animals and the efforts being put in place to assist them. Bill has been particularly active in the Jane Goodall Roots and Shoots program, aimed at involving school children in conservation awareness and pro-conservation activities. Bill was able to convince several young students in helping out on the day, shaking tins to raise money for the cause.

The day was very successful in raising funds and talking to the public directly about the issues in conservation. More tin shakes are planned for next year.

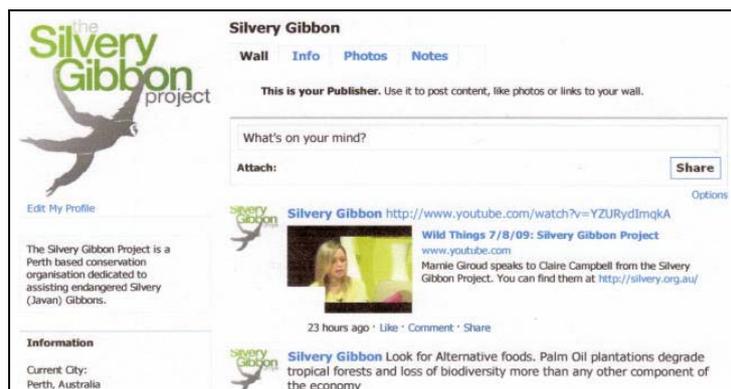


Holly Thompson, Bill Waterer & Sophie Lourandos at the City Tin Shake



## Silvery Gibbon Project Now has a Facebook Page

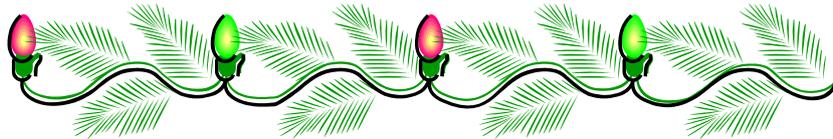
Silvery Gibbon Project Inc now has a facebook page. The intention is to increase the conservation message to an ever larger number of people. Using facebook is just one means we will be utilising to increase our profile in the general community. Updates on activities of the organisation, as well as photographs, video links and articles on conservation will be posted regularly. If you use facebook, please search for “Silvery Gibbon”, and then send a “friend request”. We are always happy to have more people join the page. Join now – be one of our first supporters.



## IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS FOR SILVERY GIBBON PROJECT

Mark these important dates in your diary:

<b>Sunday 13 February 2011 Members BBQ/Picnic 5pm to 8pm</b>	<b>James Mitchell Park South Perth foreshore (river end of Coode Street)</b>	This is for members and their family and friends, and provides a great opportunity to have an informal gathering with committee members of the Silvery Gibbon Project. No cost. Please bring your own BBQ/picnic and drinks.
<b>Sunday 6 March 2011 Walkathon 8.30am assemble 9.00am start</b>	<b>Lake Monger  (Sausage sizzle, coffee van, face painting, jugglers etc)</b>	We will be joining forces once again with Australian Orangutan Project (AOP) and Asian Rhino Project (ARP) for this great event. We had a fantastic turnout last year but lets make it even bigger and better in 2011. More details to come.
<i>Several other exciting events are currently in the planning stages. Watch this space in the next SGP newsletter.</i>		



## National Threatened Species Day

On Sunday 12 October 2010, The Perth Zoo main lawn was transformed into a conservation hub. National Threatened Species Day is held worldwide and aims to inform zoo visitors of the plight of the world's species currently under threat.

The Silvery Gibbon Project manned a stall (pictured) situated just in front of the Zoo's Silvery Gibbon family which helped to promote the cause.

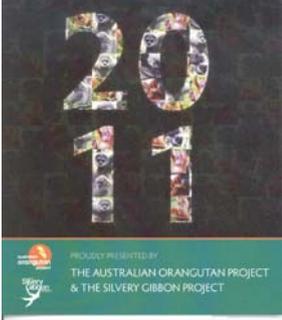
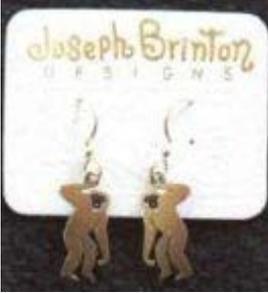
Come down and visit us at next years Threatened Species Day!





## CHRISTMAS MERCHANDISE

This Christmas why not swap the socks and jocks for a 2011 desktop calendar, some silvery gibbon earrings or adopt a gibbon as a gift for someone special.

	<p><b>2011 Desktop Calendar</b></p>	<p>This desktop calendar comes in a DVD style case and features pictures of Silvery Gibbons and Orangutans. The case is used as a stand for the calendar to sit on your desk. A great Christmas present or stocking filler.</p> <p><b>Cost \$12.00 each including postage within Australia.</b></p>
	<p><b>Joseph Brinton Earrings</b></p> <p>Visit our website for more pictures and styles <a href="http://www.silvery.org.au">www.silvery.org.au</a></p>	<p>The Silvery Gibbon Project is proud to offer a unique range of animal earrings for sale made by Joseph Brinton.</p> <p>The feature earring is of course a silvery gibbon, however, we also offer a number of other animal designs including elephants, giraffes, zebras, cheetah, meerkats and lizards.</p> <p>The earrings are handcrafted and have either 14Kt gold-filled or sterling silver earwires. The main parts are brass, nickel-silver, copper or aluminum. Every part is coated with a tarnish resistant clear coat. Every earring is designed by Joseph and assembled in his shop in Portland, Oregon.</p> <p><b>Cost \$15 per pair plus \$2.95 postage and handling</b></p>
	<p><b>Adoptions</b></p>	<p>Rescued gibbons need veterinary monitoring, nutritious food and special care. Help care for one of these beautiful, endangered animals all year round.</p> <p>You can make every day special for one of our rescued gibbons <b>for just \$75</b> (that's only \$1.45 per week)!! Visit our website at <a href="http://www.silvery.org.au">www.silvery.org.au</a> to download an Adoptions order form.</p>
	<p><b>Tote Bags</b></p>	<p>This non-woven tote bag is hard wearing and practical. Stronger and more durable than canvas and calico bags, this bag is able to be wiped clean easily. With a long handle and medium capacity it is perfect for work, shopping or taking to the beach.</p> <p><b>Cost \$15 each plus \$2.95 postage and handling</b></p>