



# The SILVERY GIBBON PROJECT

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Merry Christmas Silvery Gibbon Project Supporters and Friends



Thank you once more for continuing to share our passion for the little apes and helping us to achieve some great results during 2013.

Two notable highlights have been the successful release of Sadewa and Kiki and the purchase of habitat for Siamang and Agile gibbons at the Supayang Reserve in Sumatra. We are looking forward to assisting with the expansion of this area early in the new year and the team in Java are busy planning for more releases into the Malabar Forest in 2014.

We will also be kicking off the year by helping to organise the IUCN Gibbon Reintroduction Guidelines Workshop in Cambodia which will be another great opportunity for gibbon conservationists to share their successes and plan effective reintroduction strategies for many gibbon species.

A huge thank you to everyone who supported our Art Auction in October. Once again it helped us to raise much needed funds to support our project and we couldn't have done it without the generosity of artists, bidders and helpers!

If you are looking for a Christmas gift this year that can help support the gibbons why not consider an adoption, Moli (gibbon) toy or earrings. Visit our website [www.silvery.org.au](http://www.silvery.org.au) for details.

For that extra special, once in a lifetime gift, we still have some spots left on the Wildlife Asia Big 5 Tour in March 2014. This is a unique opportunity to see the Javan Gibbon Centre and if you are lucky, even some wild gibbons. Details can be found at:

[www.orangutanodysseys.com/wildlifeasia](http://www.orangutanodysseys.com/wildlifeasia).

I would like to take the opportunity to wish all of you, especially our very dedicated committee, a safe and relaxing Christmas break. I look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

Best wishes

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

## NEW SILVERY GIBBON PROJECT COMMITTEE

On 15 September 2013, SGP held its AGM at the Perth Zoo Theatre followed by a tasty afternoon tea and a visit to see the gibbons. The following photo is of the newly elected committee.



L-R Back Row  
Pam, Clare, Sharon,  
Emma, Holly, Kate  
and Jeff.

L-R Front Row  
Katie, Belle and Karen  
(Missing Robin)

President	Clare Campbell
Vice President	Holly Thompson
Treasurer	Sharon Buckland
Secretary	Jeff Beaton

Committee:

- Robin Stevens	- Pam Willimott
- Belle Picchio	- Katie Saunders
- Emma Malloch	- Kate Simon-Menasse

## ART AUCTION

The Art Auction held on 26th October at Perth Zoo raised more than \$11,000 for the Gibbons. Many bargains were to be had and we thank all those in attendance for a very enjoyable and profitable night. Auctioneer Dominique Mecoy worked the bidders hard to extract as much as she could from them and can be very satisfied with her efforts.

Of course the night would not be possible without the generous support of the artists and the work of the committee and volunteers drafted in to help on the day. Generous support was also provided by Credaro Wines and Jason of Star Gallery Picture Framing & Memorabilia. Thanks to you all.



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## WILDLIFE ASIA – BIG 5 TOUR MARCH 2014

Join Clare Campbell and Garry Sundin for an amazing adventure throughout Indonesia. The National Parks and Sanctuaries you will visit are home to many rare and interesting species. However, it is the set of 5 species - Rhinos, Orangutans, Gibbons, Elephants and Sun Bears - that we are directly supporting that we come here to visit. Clare will be providing expert commentary and interpretation of the wildlife projects, whilst Garry and his award winning team will ensure that this is a trip that you will not forget.

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## GIBBON RESCUE



A new gibbon was rescued on November 6th and is now at the Javan Gibbon Centre. Her name is Devi and she is about 5 years old and was a pet given up voluntarily.

Devi can now start the rehabilitation process and prepare for a return to the wild. Thanks to the team at the Javan Gibbon Centre and a special thank you to one of our young supporters from Queensland, Milly who raised funds to support another gibbon rescue.

Thanks to Milly, young Devi will now have a chance to be free!

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## SECOND RELEASE SITE

In October 2013 the Silvery Gibbon Project (SGP) was pleased announce that it had secured funding over the next two years, to enable the progression of a second release site for Javan Gibbons at Mt Malabar (Gunung Malabar) in the Bandung district, south east of Jakarta.

The Malabar Mountain is an area that is critical for watershed protection as well as for the conservation of flora and fauna in Java. The area is the core site of a large and significant water catchment area, upstream of the Citarum River, the largest river in West Java.

This site offers both suitable habitat for gibbons as well as the opportunity to engage local communities and potentially develop alternative livelihood initiatives and conservation awareness activities in the region.

The funding will enable two pairs of gibbons at the Javan Gibbon Centre (JGC) to be the first to be introduced into this area. As with previous releases, large soft release enclosures will be constructed on site to enable the gibbons sufficient time to adjust to the new environment. The first release has already taken place in June 2013. Staff facilities will be constructed on site to allow for care of the gibbons during this period as well as ongoing monitoring.

A Gibbon Protection Unit will be set up to patrol the site, comprising of staff from JGF, local communities and the Forestry Department. A new Manager will also be employed for the Malabar site to ensure effective operations and communication.

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## SUMATRAN LAND PURCHASE

Silvery Gibbon Project (SGP) was really excited to announce that a land purchase in Sumatra was successfully concluded in October 2013. The Supayang Reserve is now 36 hectares larger as SGP launched a short, sharp and successful appeal for funds to assist in this purchase.



Thank you all very much for your generous donations and congratulations to Chanee and the Kalaweit team for doing such great work for wildlife and forests in Indonesia!

Discussions are underway for further land purchases in early 2014 to extend the reserve by another 200 hectares.

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## **GO WITHOUT FOR GIBBONS COMMITTEE CHALLENGE**

Most of us are very privileged to live secure and comfortable lives surrounded by luxuries. But for many gibbons facing daily threats like deforestation, poaching and captive mistreatment, life is not that comfortable and easy. Join us in the month of February or March 2014 as the entire SGP committee takes on the "Go Without for Gibbons" Challenge. This is a fundraising test where each of us will go without a luxury "item" in our life for the entire month and donate the money we would have spent to Gibbon conservation and protection. Some of us are going without chocolate, alcohol, dinners out, fashion shopping, magazines etc. The possibilities are endless.

We would like to invite you and your friends, family and colleagues to join us on this challenge. Start thinking of something you could go without for the month and donate the money instead to SGP. You can also ask those around you to sponsor you. Please let us know your challenge if you would like us to include your pledge along with our own on our Facebook page. Otherwise you could sponsor a member of the committee throughout this challenge! Take a look at our Facebook page and emails closer to the date to discover everyone's sacrifices and choose who you would like to sponsor.

At the end of the challenge month, we can all indulge!



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