



July 2011: 16 years on

Free the Bears Fund Inc Newsletter

Free the Bears aims to protect, preserve and enrich the lives of bears throughout the world. And every dollar donated goes to caring for the bears.



**Dear Members,
Supporters and Friends**
Thank you all again for the wonderful and on-going support given to FTB for our work for the bears.

Our team working with local authorities in a bear rescue



9 month Sun Bear rescued June 2011 from Stung Treng Province



Indian Sloth Bear cub rescued having lunch from a bottle



Bears rescued in poor condition - now in our care



Rescued Bears in transit

We have an ever increasing number of sponsorships and these are vital for us to maintain the high level of care we give to the bears. With bear rescues, the work really begins once the bear is safely in our sanctuary. Sponsorship is a great way to become involved with the day to day care of a bear. 100% of funds given in sponsorship go to the bears and are fully tax deductible. Please visit the website to see the different sponsorships available to you.

www.freethebears.org.au and click on "Help Us"

DECMIL AUSTRALIA CHARITY BALL

April 30th at the Hyatt Regency Grand Ballroom. Attended by Richard and Jo Court, our Patron, what a fantastic night it was, over 300 people came to enjoy the Ball with Charlie Pickering and Claire Hooper as special guests. Johnny Young and The Strangers provided the evening with music and dance which was enjoyed by all.

Thousands of dollars were raised for the bears and special thanks to Carol Curnow and her team. Carol put her heart and soul into organizing the whole event including the live and silent auction items. With Nicholas Duncan who was 'auctioneer' for the evening how could we fail to raise funds. So very many people were generous. Thank you all so much. Special thanks to Decmil Australia our main sponsors of the Charity Ball, thank you Denis and Nola Criddle. Thank you also to our sponsors Hair Outquin and Feet First. Thanks must also go to Matt Hunt and Nev Broadis who organised 'building for the bears' auction.

Thanks to all those people who donated items for sale and auction, very much appreciated.

We are already being asked, "when is the next one"?



Sloat investigating her new life in Cardamon Mountains

Cambodia Update

The past few months have been packed with activity in Cambodia, with a number of landmark events taking place to continue driving our Cambodia programme forward. After more than two years of specialized care at our Cambodian sanctuary, Sloat and Sopheap, two young female Sun bears, left Phnom Tamao to travel to the Cardamom Mountains where they have joined an ambitious new programme which will hopefully see rescued bears being returned to their natural habitat and a truly wild life. Our partners at Wildlife Alliance have been working towards this goal for several years. Sloat and Sopheap were identified as good candidates for re-release when they arrived at Phnom Tamao in December 2008 and so they have been kept distant from human contact and fed a different diet to the rest of the bears at the sanctuary, hopefully preparing them for a life back in the wild. After a long journey to the release site by truck, ox-cart and sheer man-power they were released into a one-hectare pre-release enclosure where they will be closely monitored for up to a year before being fitted with radio-collars and set free into the vast Cardamom Mountain wilderness. This rehabilitation programme is being managed by our partners Wildlife Alliance, with Free the Bears Fund supporting educational outreach and community-based ranger efforts in the area to ensure that the two bears have the best possible chance of survival in the future. Upon their release into the pre-release enclosure, Sloat and Sopheap immediately set about climbing to the tops of the highest trees and foraging for their natural foods, giving us every hope that they will quickly adapt to life back in the wild.

Obviously not every bear that arrives at our sanctuaries can be re-released; for many, the physical and psychological injuries that they have sustained at the hands of man mean that they can never be returned



Guests at Charity Ball



Charlie Pickering at Charity Ball

to the wild. Our latest two arrivals, both rescued during June 2011, are case examples of this. The first cub, a 9 month old female Sun bear, had been kept by a family in Stung Treng province for 8 months before she was handed over into our care. Having grown up with humans and treated as a pet, it is unlikely that this young bear will ever be fit to return to the wild and so we are making plans to introduce her to Lola and George, who are both of a similar age and will form the nucleus of our next Sun bear nursery group. Our latest new arrival, a tiny male Sun bear cub, arrived on 22nd June weighing just 1.6kg. Rescued from traders in Ratanakiri province this cub will require around-the-clock care by our team before he is strong enough to be introduced to other bears. Unfortunately, cubs this young, snatched from their mothers and reliant on bottle-feeding by our team, can almost certainly never be returned to the wild and so we simply have to ensure that we provide the best possible level of care for them at the sanctuary whilst we fight to end the trade in live bears throughout Asia.

As part of our programme to constantly improve the level of care that we are able to offer to the bears at our sanctuary we were thrilled to finally open our new "Bearhuggers Kitchen" facility earlier this year. This new facility is a vast improvement over our old kitchen area (which has itself undergone a beautiful conversion into an enrichment preparation kitchen to improve the bears enrichment programme at the sanctuary) and features a dry food store, fresh produce area and plenty of space for our team to prepare the delicious diets for the 113 bears currently in our care in Cambodia. Our education programme, designed to increase awareness of the threats to Cambodia's bears whilst increasing community involvement in our work, continues to gather pace with recent visits from the International School of Phnom Penh, the American School of Dubai and the Giving Tree Nursery School. Each school group enjoyed a specially tailored programme of activities designed to increase their understanding of the need to protect bears in Cambodia through fun activities such as preparing enrichment toys, games and presentations. For each international school visitor we will be inviting specially selected groups from within Cambodia to enjoy a free day of activities at the Cambodian sanctuary, ensuring that our work here not only benefits the bears but also helps disadvantaged groups such as orphans and street kids to get a better start in life whilst appreciating Cambodia's wonderful wildlife.

Bearhuggers Kitchen



Bearhuggers Kitchen and keepers ready to 'serve dinner' to the bears



Inside Bearhuggers Kitchen Environment



World Expedition's tourists preparing afternoon enrichments for the bears



Local school groups learning how to prepare enrichment for the bears



Sun bear cub rescued from Ratanakiri Province weighing only 1.6kg

.... now in safe hands

Wild bear surveys in Laos

Lorraine Scotson, our Research Associate carrying out surveys of wild bear populations in Laos, recently started a new round of surveys in Xe Pian National Protected Area in southern Laos. Despite beurocratic delays, early onset of the rainy season (resulting in a truck carrying the survey team ending up headfirst in a river, necessitating an emergency exit by the team through the driver's window!) and the usual hazards of working in remote forest areas, Lorraine and her team have almost completed their surveys of this key area of bear habitat in Laos. We have also recently sponsored a Lao Masters degree student through the National University of Laos to research human-bear conflict in Nam Et-Phou Louei National Protected Area in order to create a framework for addressing this issue which leads to many bears being killed each year in retaliation for feeding on villagers crops who live inside the boundaries of the protected area.

Vietnam

A master plan for continued development of the Mekong Delta Bear Sanctuary (Hon Me Wildlife Rescue Project) has been prepared and submitted to Vietnamese authorities for the next stage of this project which will see it fulfill its potential as a world-class bear sanctuary. Free the Bears Fund will assume overall management of the sanctuary from July 1st in partnership with the Kien Giang Forest Protection Department, with Wildlife At Risk assuming overall management of the Cat Tien Bear Sanctuary. Five more bears were recently bought to the Cat Tien sanctuary after being handed over to the authorities, paperwork is now underway to see these and other bears transferred from Cat Tien to the Hon Me site as soon as possible to relieve overcrowding at Cat Tien.

India

A team of veterinary specialists from the UK recently visited the Wildlife SOS sanctuaries in India. The purpose of this trip was to assess whether the sight of our 40-plus blind bears could be restored. Led by Dr

Claudia Hartley of the Animal Health Trust, the team assessed the eyes of 41 bears at the Bannerghatta and Agra sanctuaries. Unfortunately the damage done to most bears during their exploitation as "dancing bears" was too extensive to carry out any vision restoration repairs, however for four lucky individuals at the Agra sanctuary and two bears at the Bannerghatta sanctuary, surgery intervention was possible and, after several hours of intensive operations to laser away cataracts and repair damaged lenses, there is every sign that Lily bear will regain her vision after a life of darkness. Despite having ended the dancing bear trade in India, Sloth bears remain threatened by the illegal trade in bears for the pet trade and also for their body parts in traditional Asian medicine. Thanks to the anti-poaching efforts of our partners Wildlife SOS, five new bear cubs were rescued in raids over the past three months and have been given safe sanctuary at our sanctuaries in India. The cubs are all settling into life in the sanctuaries under the dedicated care of our keepers who provide them with around-the-clock bottle feeds and veterinary care whilst they recover from the trauma of having been snatched illegally from their mothers to feed this despicable trade.

Although the dancing bear trade in India has been brought to an end, continuous monitoring is required to ensure that the dancing bear practice does not raise its ugly head again. Sloth bears remain threatened by the illegal trade in bears for the pet trade and also for their body parts in traditional Chinese medicine.



Eye surgeries carried out in India



The annual monsoons have again started in northern India, causing concern that the Yamuna River might flood again this year and inundate lower portions of the Agra Bear Sanctuary. The Wildlife SOS team in India has started making preparations to ensure the safety of the rescued bears, although many more climbing towers are needed to serve as emergency safety zones in times of flooding. All donations towards emergency flood preparation work will be appreciated, or visit our website to purchase a climbing tower for the bears in India at [www.freethebears.org.au/web/Shop/?cat=Virtual Gifts](http://www.freethebears.org.au/web/Shop/?cat=Virtual+Gifts).

Matt Hunt, CEO

Laos Report

With the completion of a new purpose built nursery den and enclosure at Tat Kuang Si rescue centre the last few weeks has seen a flurry of activity. All of the one year old cubs have now been moved into their new accommodation and are busy exploring and getting into trouble. The outdoor nursery area includes a pool for those hot Laotian summers and the cubs favourite pastime is currently to stand underneath the cool stream of water and take a refreshing shower as we refill their pool.

Along with the nursery and cub den we have also now finished refurbishing the dens for some of our older bears who have moved back in and are making themselves well and truly at home. This has also allowed us to put some more challenging apparatus into their enclosures and also enabled Janthai (one of our keepers who has a great deal of artistic flair!) to demonstrate his skills in disguising and making some of the existing apparatus much more appealing. As a result there is never a dull moment!

Away from the rescue centre Free The Bears (with generous support from Hauser Bears) has been instrumental in supporting the launch of the LaoWEN (Wildlife Enforcement Network). Lao-WEN is part of the region-wide, intergovernmental law enforcement network (ASEAN WEN) which combats organised wildlife crime through collaborative efforts from agencies such as customs, police, CITES, prosecutors and governmental wildlife law enforcement agencies.

Free The Bears Fund's support for the Lao-WEN initiative is part of a wider strategy to combat the emergence of bear bile farming in Laos through support of and cooperation with government agencies combating the illegal wildlife trade. This cooperation has also recently seen the closure of a bear farm within Luang Prabang province – the first known closure of this type in Lao PDR. This means that Luang Prabang is now free of all known bile farms and marks an important victory against wildlife trade which we hope to be replicate in other provinces throughout Lao PDR.

Jane Clegg & Jude Osborne,
Sanctuary Managers Laos



World Expeditions

World Expeditions and Free the Bears are very excited to be offering two new adventure tours to not only help raise much needed money for the Free the Bears Fund but also give you the chance to work behind the scenes at the sanctuaries in Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos with the very Bears you are helping to support. Departing in February 2012 we are introducing our NEW cycle Vietnam and Cambodia experience. You will enjoy a fully supported cycle from Ho Chin Minh in Vietnam to the Mekong Delta Sanctuary and then cross the border to Cambodia and into the Phnom Tamao sanctuary. This is a wonderful opportunity for the keen adventurer. Of course for people who want a bit more comfort we have our Cambodia and Laos discovery adventure departing in late February spending time sightseeing and working at the Phnom Tamao centre in Cambodia and Kuang Xi sanctuary in Laos. For further details please contact Scott at World Expeditions on 03 8631 3300 or World Expeditions at www.worldexpeditions.com.au.

New South Wales Update

By Jeanette Akkanen tel: (02) 9684 1670
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Thanks Again to Joan Pearson who generously hosted another major fundraiser 29th May. Thanks to Mary too who took time out to fly over for the very successful event. Sincere thanks to all those who donated items for the auction and the raffle and to those who 'spent up big for the bears'. Should anyone require an e-newsletter produced locally from NSW advertising up and coming events email Jeanette on ftb-jeanette@highway1.biz.



COMING EVENTS

Chocolate drive to begin in early July - please contact Beth on philandbeth@optusnet.com.au or phone 9543 5608 to get your order in.

16th July - Kelly's cake and book stall in Cronulla Mall if you can help by making cakes and taking them to the stall and/or bring books please contact Kelly on KHarris@moray.com.au

18th September - Blakmores Sydney Fun Run - get in training and contact Maria for info aidnjake@ozemail.com.au

Movie Night is being planned, date not yet set.

Collection Tin Drive is progressing well thanks to Deb Harris. If you could take a tin for your spare change at home or perhaps place one in a shop or office. This is such a good way to help reach our target for the year. Please contact Deb Harris on debharris@gmail.com

Victorian Update

By Rita Kimmerle tel: 0400 030 598
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Victoris FTB Members and Supporters are encouraged to come along to support the following events.

Movie Event on Sunday 21st August - Afternoon session approx. 2.00pm (to be confirmed) at Denby Brighton Cinema. Cost is \$35 per ticket which includes movie, glass wine/bubbly and cheese platter. The movie will be "Red Dog". Members are to book through Robin in the WA office on email ftb-robin@highway1.biz or phone 08 9244 1096. Merchandise will be on sale too! Cash only.

We will have a Free The Bears Merchandise Stand at the **Eastern Volunteers Multicultural Spring Festival** to be held at Ringwood Lake, Ringwood from 10am to 4pm on Sunday 9th October.

Make a day trip to Woodend and support the team at the annual **Woodend Teddy Bear Craft Show** on Sunday 30th October from 10am to 4pm. The show is held in the Saint Ambrose Hall on the corner of Templeton and Anslow Streets.

The Annual FTB Function this year will be a cocktail event on the 22nd November. Further details will be posted on the FTB website.

Finally we require volunteers to join our Donation Tin Project. Please call Mary French on 0433 145 345 or email maryfrench917@hotmail.com

South Australia Update

By Pauline Cockrill, Co-ordinator
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Thanks to the enthusiasm and hard work of our volunteer team, our group has had two successful fundraising stalls over the last few months. Our stand



South Australia Volunteers

at the INDOfest (Adelaide's Indonesian Festival) on Sunday 10 April raised nearly \$550 in donations while our stand at the Body Mind and Psychic Expo over the weekend of 4-5 June saw us taking over \$1700 in donations. Special thanks go to Heather and Bob Perry of Small Miracles Management for giving us a free stand at the Body Mind and Psychic Expo.

Erica Wilson has been working hard organising fundraising days at Golden Grove Shopping Village in April, May and June and hopes to arrange more in the year. Grateful thanks to Anna, Lisette, Ruth and Isaac for their help on these days. Please contact Erica if you would like to help in the future ericawilson@y7mail.com or ph 0400 411 454.

Sales of Adelaide Entertainment Books were terrific. We managed to meet our goal of 100 books making \$1300 for the bears. A huge vote of thanks to Anne Clark and Vicky Mackenzie for coordinating this and especially to Heather and Merridy for selling (it seems) books to everyone they spoke to!

Anne Clark (ph 0417 846 145 or kurraltacc@bigpond.com) has been busy coordinating the distribution of donation tins amongst various businesses and volunteers. She is currently away till mid-July but contact Margaret Mackintosh (ph 08 829 7171) if you urgently need tins or merchandise.

Sincere thanks to Lyn Abouassali and her family and staff who since 2009 have done a tremendous job collecting donations, selling FTB merchandise as well as hosting a successful quiz night at her café Najjar's in North Adelaide. Sadly (for us) Najjar's has now been sold but we wish Lyn a well-earned rest from the hospitality game and we know that she will continue to support FTB in any way she can.

Volunteers will be needed for our stand at the Royal Adelaide Show from Friday 2 to Saturday 10 September. Please contact Pauline (ph 0427 523 675 pj.cockrill@bigpond.com) if you are able to help giving preference regarding day and time (morning, afternoon or evening).

Our regular monthly meetings have now changed date and venue. We now meet on the 1st Thursday of the month at the Adelaide South West Community Centre at 171 Sturt Street at 7.30 pm. Next meetings: 4 Aug; 31 Aug (no meeting September); 6 Oct; 3 Nov; 1 Dec. Please let us know if you would like to be on our email list for receiving regular updates

of meetings/ fundraisers etc. For example, we are currently organising a major fundraiser with Mary Hutton on the weekend of 29-30 October in Adelaide.

Tasmania

Marion Horton is holding a merchandise and information stand at the Hobart Doll Show, Hellenic Hall, Federal Street North Hobart 10am - 4pm on Saturday August 27th and Sunday August 28th all welcome to attend and to perhaps help Marion out on the day, please contact Marion on 6245 9318 or mob: 0418 554 656.

The National Zoo & Aquarium Conservation Team are hosting a Trivia Night & Christmas in August

When: Saturday August 20th 2011

Where: Canberra Club, West Row Civic

Time: Doors open 6pm for 6.30pm start

Cost: \$15 (up to 10 per table)

Food: Nibbles provided. Restaurant open from 6pm - 8pm

Contact: To book tickets call Canberra Zoo 6280 8400.

Visit our website www.freethebears.org.au under events for further details.

W.A. News

Perth Royal Show - We will have our usual stand at this year's Perth Royal Show. October 1st - 8th October, Silver Jubilee stand 381. Please call Judy

Cahil on 0418 839 776 or email the office on 9244 1096 if you wish to help on the stand during that time.

Chocolates - are again available from the office - we are indeed a chocoholic nation and it helps the bears! Call the office 9244 1096 for a box or two.

Entertainment Books - These are great value and we have sold many for 2011, available from the office, please see order form in the newsletter.

E-newsletters - Please send us your email address should you wish to receive your newsletters sent this way. For those members and supporters who have already advise their email addresses, please be kind enough to confirm them to the office. Also a stamped addressed envelope enclosed with any correspondence needing a reply helps to keep our postage down - Thank you.

Raffle - The raffle is well under way now but we still require volunteers at the following shopping centres: MORLEY GALLERIA during August
KARRINYUP during August
BELMONT during September
CAROUSEL during September

Please call Carol Curnow on 9364 4054 or the office on 9244 1096 if you are able to attend our stall for one of the shifts. 8.30 - 1.00pm; 1.00pm - 5.30pm, and Thursdays 8.30am, 1.00- 5.00pm; 5.00pm - 9.00pm. Please call the office if you can sell a book or two, great prizes (all donated) and tickets are still only \$2 each.

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Volunteers

Volunteers, what would we do without them!! They are the stalwarts of the Fund. The unsung heroes who devote their time, energy and sometimes their own funds, day after day, week after week and year after year to organize fundraising events in order to bring in those very necessary dollars to help the fund continue to give the bears who now live in our sanctuaries throughout S.E. Asia, Indonesia and India, the very best care.

Over the years our volunteers are like members of one big family. I have met so many wonderful caring people who have become lifelong friends. Volunteers, who crave no recognition, come running at the drop of a hat, just to help out, simply because they love the bears and wish to give them a better quality of life and freedom.

A volunteer is priceless, FTB is so lucky to have so many and all our volunteers are very much

appreciated. Sometimes saying 'thank you' gets forgotten to be said which does not mean that your help has been overlooked or your commitment and caring is not appreciated.

At times, our support branch coordinators have a lot on their plates when organizing an event and a great deal of responsibility rests on their shoulders to make the event a success. Our coordinators are the people on whom we rely to run these events successfully and I know they in turn appreciate all the help their own wonderful team of volunteers give to ensure the success of the event.

So, to all our hard working coordinators, our loyal volunteers and anyone who has over the years or even just yesterday or today, given their all for the bears, on behalf of the Board of Free The Bears Fund - thank you.

Mary

Gifts & Garments

Your purchases help us to protect, preserve and enrich the lives of bears throughout the world.



Tom Tom Bear

Named after Tom Tom, our real (and special) Asiatic/Sun Bear hybrid in our Cambodian sanct.

Cost \$9 (incl. GST)

Postage \$1.50 each (within Australia) or \$4 each (O/S)



Panda Bear

So cute, so cuddly-attractive to all ages and priced to appeal. Why not take two?

Cost \$13 (incl. GST)

Postage \$4.35 each (within Australia) or \$6.30 each (O/S)



Panda Cub

Cubs don't come any more adorable than this little cutie (except for our real ones!).

Cost \$13 (incl. GST)

Postage \$4.55 each (within Australia) or \$11.35 each (O/S)



Molly Bear

This gorgeous little bear (much like its namesake) is a great gift idea for all occasions.

Cost \$16 (incl. GST)

Postage \$4 each (within Australia) or \$8 (O/S)



Stubby Holder

Black neoprene holder with a white paw prints design.

Cost \$8 (incl. GST)

Postage \$3.60 each (within Australia) or \$8 each (O/S)



Coffee/tea mugs

White mug with black paw prints design. Great gift idea.

Cost \$9 (incl. GST)

Postage \$6 each (within Australia), O/S n/a



Wrist Bands

Support Free the Bears; black or white available.

Cost \$3 (incl. GST)

Postage \$1 each (within Australia) or \$2.00 each (O/S)



Tea towels

Cotton tea towel in white with black paw print design.

Cost \$7 (incl. GST)

Postage \$1 each (within Australia) or \$4 each (O/S)



Stickers & Magnets

Support Free the Bears; stickers or magnets available.

Cost \$3.50 (incl. GST)

Postage \$1.50 each (within Australia) or \$6 each (O/S)



Calico all purpose bag

Ideal for shopping or a great gift idea. Strong, durable with a black paw print and FTB logo.

Cost \$8 (incl. GST)

Postage \$1 each (within Australia) or \$3.30 each (O/S)



Travel coffee mugs

Super convenient way to keep your favourite beverage at hand. While supporting the bears.

Cost \$15 (incl. GST)

Postage \$4 each (within Australia) or \$8 each (O/S)



Water Bottle

Handy to have water bottle

Cost \$10 (incl. GST)

Postage \$4 each (within Australia) or \$8 each (O/S)



FTB tank tops

Tank top with 'STOP! Animal Cruelty - Free the Bears' slogan in red on the front.

Sizes S,M,L,XL
Colour Black
Cost \$20 (incl. GST)
Postage \$4 each (within Australia) or \$8 each (O/S)



'Because of me' t-shirt

Features 'Because of me, a bear plays free' on the front and our website on the back.

Sizes 6,8,10,12,14
Cost \$15 (incl. GST)
Sizes S,M,L
Cost \$20.00 (incl. GST)
Postage \$4 each (within Australia) or \$8 each (O/S)



Unlock the Cage

A cotton-shirt featuring the 'Unlock the cage of Darkness' slogan on the front.

Sizes S,M,L,XL
Colour Black
Cost \$20 (incl. GST)
Postage \$4 each (within Australia) or \$8 each (O/S)



Sponsorship t-shirt

Available only with the sponsorship of a bear. Features 'I care for a Bear' on the back and our logo on the front.

Cost \$20 (incl. GST)
Colour White
Postage \$4 each (within Australia) or \$8 each (O/S)



Free the Bears t-shirt

This white t-shirt features the fund logo on the front.

Sizes S,M,L,XL
Cost \$20 (incl. GST)
Postage \$4 each (within Australia) or \$8 each (O/S)



'Yum! Yum!' bear t-shirt

Ideal for little ones in bright colours.

Sizes 0,2,4,6
Colour pink, yellow, khaki
Cost \$18 (incl. GST)
Postage \$4ea (in Australia) or \$8ea (O/S)



Sun and Moon T-shirts

Striking new t-shirts with Sun bear or Moon bear prints, available black with white print or white with black print (round and v-necks available). Website details on back.

Sizes S,M,L,XL
Cost \$25 (incl. GST)
Postage \$4ea (in Australia) or \$8 ea. (O/S)



Laptop Cover

Brand new product, extremely suitable laptop covers with gorgeous Sun Bear images. Available in black or red.

Cost \$15 (incl. GST)
Postage \$1.50 each (within Australia) or \$10 each (O/S)



Belvadere Bears

Due to popular demand, the highly desirable and entirely lovable Belvadere Bears are available again.

Cost \$7 (incl. GST)
Postage \$1.50 each (within Australia)



Lotus Sun Bears

They don't come any friendlier - grab one or a couple for someone special.

Cost \$13 (incl. GST)
Postage \$5 each (within Australia) or \$12.50 each. (O/S)

The results of your sponsorships
for the bears
- "it makes all the difference"



Free the Bears Fund Inc Membership Form

Join us in protecting, preserving and enriching the lives of bears throughout the world. Your support makes all the difference - thank you.

Please tick (all prices are GST inclusive):

- New Member** I would like to join for 12 months and receive a quarterly newsletter \$50
-
- Renewal** I would like to renew my existing membership for another 12 months \$30
-
- Renewal** I would like to renew my existing membership for another 36 months \$70
-
- Life Member** I would like to become a life member \$300
-
- Donation** I would like to make a donation of \$ (please contact us if you would like to set up an automatic monthly donation)
-
- T-Shirt** I would like to order a Fund t-shirt with the fund logo in a size:
 S M L XL \$20
 Postage within Australia +\$4
 Postage outside Australia or +\$8
-
- Volunteer** I am available to volunteer my time

Total \$

Payment method (please tick):

- No receipt required**
- Cheque enclosed** (please make your cheque payable to FREE THE BEARS FUND inc.) Cheques are accepted in USD,GBP, NZD and AUD.
- Money order enclosed**

Credit card Visa Mastercard

Cardholder's name

Card no.

Expiry date / Signature

Please complete your details:

Name

Address

Suburb State P/Code

Phone

Email

I Care for a Bear Sponsorship Program

Join us in protecting, preserving and enriching the life of a bear. When you sponsor a bear, you will receive a certificate of sponsorship that includes a picture of your bear.

Please tick (all prices are GST inclusive):

6 month sponsorship \$150

12 month sponsorship \$300

T-shirt I would like to order an 'I Care for a Bear' sponsorship t-shirt in a size:
 S M L XL \$20
 Postage within Australia +\$4
 Postage outside Australia or +\$8

Photograph I would like to receive a laminated, A4 photograph of the bear I have sponsored \$10

Total \$

Payment method (please tick):

- No receipt required**
- Cheque enclosed** (please make your cheque payable to FREE THE BEARS FUND inc.) Cheques are accepted in USD,GBP, NZD and AUD.

Money order enclosed

Credit card Visa Mastercard

Cardholder's name

Card no.

Expiry date / Signature

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