

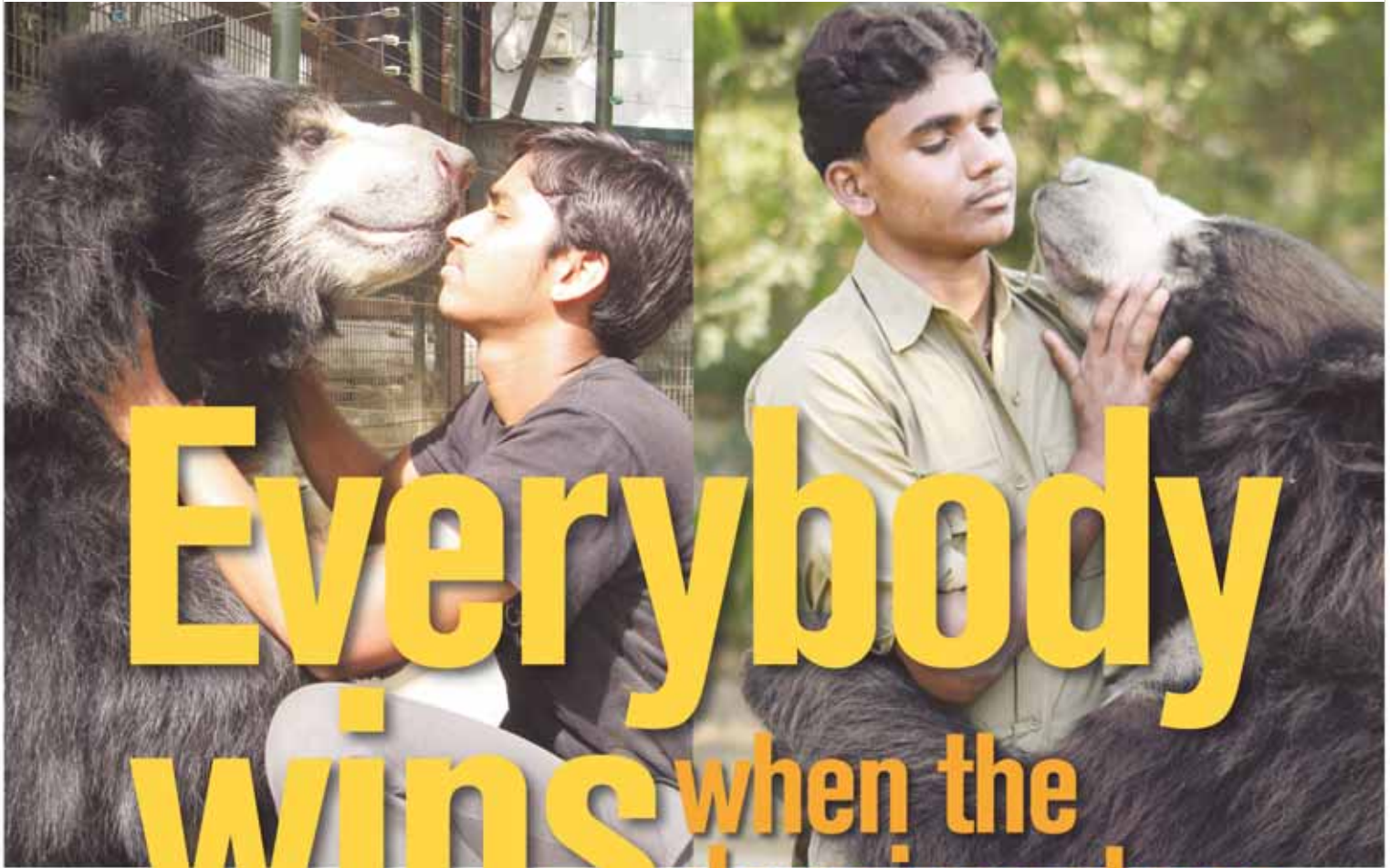


October 2009: 14 years on

Free the Bears Fund Inc Newsletter

Free the Bears aims to protect, preserve and enrich the lives of bears throughout the world.

Mubarak Kalandar now works in the Agra sanctuary where 'Shetty' lives happily. A fellow Kalandar also shares on-going contact with his bear.



Everybody wins when the dancing stops



▲ Planning the night dens
▼ Delivery Kalandar-style



▲ Den construction underway
▼ "A new business, a new beginning"



▲ Making saris, a growing business
▼ Education and equality for everyone



▲ Old skills, new opportunities
▼ Auto rickshaw



Dear Members, Supporters & Friends

The end of the 'dancing' bear trade is in sight.

This is partly due to a magnanimous American couple who have donated enough funds to complete the night dens.

And, with our other generous supporters having given their all for the bears, we (along with our partners in the UK, International Animal Rescue) have donated millions of dollars to Wildlife SOS to fund the rescue of hundreds of bears, funding the Kalendar Rehabilitation Program, building of night dens and new sanctuaries, and also paying staff and vets to care for the bears.

A culture hundreds of years old is ending and the Kalendar people have a better way of life. And while their children are being educated and given hope for the future, these people now have pride in their day, working and earning money to avoid having to walk the roads of India with a bear on the end of a rope.

On my first visit to India I travelled along the Fatepur Sikri road, leading out of Agra, and saw 80 'dancing' bears. I returned to Perth with those images etched in my memory and a commitment to do more.

Now, there are no bears on that road or any other roads in Uttar Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh or Madhya Pradesh.

A long 7-year journey. I remember well when Kartick (Founder and co-Director of Wildlife SOS, our partner in India) rang me on Xmas Day, 2002 to say that 25 bears had been brought safely into the Agra Sanctuary. We had just sent \$50,000 for the rescue of these bears and it was the best Xmas present I have ever had and our supporters were ecstatic.

Free The Bears Fund is privileged to work with Kartick and Geeta from Wildlife SOS and we laud their tenacity and hard work—never wavering in the fight to end the 'dancing' bear trade.

Well, we have now reached our goal and soon the last rescued bears will have danced their last dance—and be free from pain, free from hunger, free from cruelty.

But these last bears will require much rehabilitation to recover from years of abuse, starvation and infections so we still need your help to help them.

On behalf of the committee of Free The Bears Fund, I thank everyone for their help, generosity and support over these 7 years. And please dig deep (again) to give these beautiful bears a life they deserve and to help care for the hundreds now living in our sanctuaries. ~Mary

Wow, what a year, thanks everyone



Volunteers, invaluable assets

WE GET OUTSTANDING COMMITMENT from our coordinators of the support branches throughout Australia. Thank you Jeanette, Pauline, Rita, Marion, Chris and your teams of dedicated volunteers in the Eastern states and Tassy!

THIS YEAR'S RAFFLE has been outstanding, raising over \$70,000. How can we ever thank those who manned our stall many times over the last 4 months, turning out in the cold and travelling many km's? Our volunteers also helped through long, busy shifts at the Conscious Living Expo and The Royal Show—great places for distributing information and selling merchandise. Results from these events were outstanding and, again, our volunteers made this possible. So, thank you all and a special thanks to Judy Cahill for organising both events so superbly. ~ Mary

Artful endeavour

Ruth Cohen hosted a huge art sale at her home in Shenton Park, WA in July. Supported by many friends and neighbors, it raised over \$4,700 and included beautiful work by well known artists Murray Gill, Santina Stransky, Barbara Shipway, Rebecca Hyams, Andriana Treasure, Victoria Weare and Ruth herself (an art teacher and painter at Perth's Trinity School for Seniors). Many thanks to all for giving so generously and thank you Ruth for such compassion and support for the bears. ~ Mary

Pet Mania—change of date

PET MANIA EXPO will now be held Friday 7, Saturday 8 and Sunday 9 May at the Claremont Showgrounds (previously to be held 30 October). We will advise again in February's newsletter.

Tassie success

IN JUST A FEW SHORT WEEKS an amazing \$5949 has been raised by our fantastic new group in the Apple Isle. A huge thanks to Marion Horton and her dedicated members. ~ Mary

World Animal Day

FTB WAS INVITED to be part of World Animal Day by Perth Zoo and what a beautiful day! They provided a lovely marquee on the zoo's lawn and Jan, Di and Sue helped to make the day a real hit. Many thanks to Susan Hunt (CEO, Perth Zoo), Salv Silvera (Manager Commercial Operations), Sandra Galati and Karen Jamieson.

"Maly" Update: there's now only 3 kilos difference between Maly and Bohpal (his mum). All three bears are well cared for and happy thanks to the love and dedication of Perth Zoo's staff.

Donation tins

OUR TINS ARE MAKING AN IMPACT but we can always use more 'out there'. If you know of a willing business or local shop please contact us and we'll be happy to send one out.

EMAIL NEWSLETTER

If you wish to receive your newsletter by email, please advise us on (08) 9244 1096 or info@freethebears.org.au (it saves us greatly on postage costs)



AGM and Christmas breakup

COME AND CELEBRATE the end of India's 'dancing' bear trade. at our AGM. We'll hold elections for a new committee, and get reports from the Chairperson, the Treasurer, and Matt Hunt (CEO). *I'd like to thank our committee members for their help and administrative guidance, with a special thanks to Wayne Monks (Treasurer, 3 years) for his inspiring passion towards animals and the environment ~ Mary*
We'll also show Kartick's presentation on the last bears to be rescued, together with the superb presentation shown at our February Gala. Our Christmas Hamper will be raffled along with auction items. It's on at the Perth Zoo Lecture Theatre Monday, 14 December, 6.30pm-9.00pm (with wine and nibbles). Please contact Perth Office (08) 9244 1096 if you wish to attend.

Sai's relocation to France

UPDATE: Sai and Ipho are settling in well together and after being a little shy, Sai is now showing signs of being comfortable with Ipho by playing and being close to each other. Last seen, he was licking her face, giving her a makeover!

'Mian' Woolley Bear

THIS GREVILLEA will be available in some WA stockists mid November, including Xanthorrhoea nursery (Maida Vale), branches of Bunnings and Waldeck Nurseries. From every sale of a "Mian" Woolley Bear Grevillea, a donation is given to Free The Bears Fund! For details on plant availability and other stockists in other states, email sales@domusnursery.com.au
Thankyou to Sue Forester and Bill Molyneux of Austraflova the leading native plant development company ~ Mary

All systems go in Albany

NEW MEMBERS Our Albany group is delighted to welcome Janet and Jeanette. Our regular sausage sizzle at Bunnings continues to bring in approximately \$400 each time. We are thrilled to have raised \$1818 from our giant garage sale at Shirley Ramsay's perfect venue and are most grateful for the storage area. Thank you to all who donated and to the happy helpers (especially the guys for the muscle-power). Our street appeal was the best ever, so a big thank you also. -Pippa



A very sick little bear receiving emergency aid upon arrival

FTB Gala dinner and dance with Johnny Young & Band

COME AND CELEBRATE our gala dinner in Perth's elegant Hyatt Regency Grand Ballroom (Sat 17 July, 6.30-12.00 midnight). We're expecting over 500 guests who will enjoy a three course gourmet meal, quality wines and beer. Johnny Young, the famed TV and radio personality, will be 'mc' for the evening. Johnny is a great supporter of FTB and a favourite with all generations. Donations for our live and silent auctions will be greatly appreciated and we have a wonderful sponsorship program for those who can help us promote this fabulous fundraiser. Start planning now for this major fundraiser on the FTB Agenda. Please make your enquiries with: Carol (08) 9364 4054, or email johnncarol@inet.net.au or phone the office (08) 9244 1096.

World Expeditions

THEY'RE WONDERFUL SPONSORS Please read about World Expeditions' exciting tours of Cambodia and Vietnam planned for 2010, tickets are selling now so don't miss an experience of a lifetime with the bears (see accompanying flyer).

Queensland to the rescue

ANIMAL DREAMING. A wonderful group of people raised enough to rescue two more bears in India. Scott King organised a fundraiser so that "Cazzy" and "Joe" (Sloth bears) could join our sanctuary. Learn more about Scott: www.animaldreaming.com

A very special 'feet'

SPANISH PILGRIMAGE A quartet will begin a pilgrimage from Burgos, in northern Spain, to Santiago de Compostella. Setting off on 19 April 2010, Tom Boyle (Bowral NSW), Tony Bennet (Wigan UK), Greg Miller (Leeton NSW) and Alan Burniston (Burradoo NSW) will walk in the centuries-old footsteps of pilgrims journeying to Santiago de Compostella's mighty cathedral. Pilgrims past walked this trail to gain plenary* indulgences for themselves and others. However, Tom, Tony, Greg and Alan are walking to give bears a plenary indulgence and entry to the heaven of a Free The Bears sanctuary in Asia. They are seeking sponsors from 1 cent per km (\$5) and are paying their own expenses so all monies goes to the bears. Please make a direct payment to FTB Head Office or post a cheque to Tom Boyle, PO Box 807, Bowral NSW 2576 (made payable to Free The Bears Fund Inc; please mark your donation "Pilgrimage for the Bears"; Australian donations are tax deductible). If possible, include your email address and Tom will try to update you on their progress. Brenda and John Woods (UK) and Jeanette Bruniston (Bowral NSW) will join for the initial 120 km with Jane Mulville, Christine Colburn and Judy Venn (UK) accompanying for the final 120 km. "We can relieve our blisters and aches but the bears' pain will not stop until we rescue them" says Tom.

**Plenary indulgence: a reduction in the time souls have to spend in the pain of purgatory before entering heaven*



We'd like to extend the compliments of the season to our members, supporters, sponsors and volunteers.
And, of course, our dedicated staff overseas. May you all have a happy Christmas and a prosperous 2010.

South East Asia Update

Cambodia *Matt Hunt, CEO*

The past six months have, worryingly, seen a steady influx of new bear cubs into our Cambodian Bear Sanctuary at Phnom Tamao Wildlife Rescue Centre.

Despite being the rainy season (usually our 'quiet' time) seven have arrived, bringing the total to 107.

"Buddy", a young male Sun bear cub, rescued with his sister, were the first. Both were only months old and in terrible condition with Buddy needing intensive treatment to pull him through. Sadly, despite our vets' efforts, the little female died within 48 hours.

Soon after, a young female Asiatic black bear cub ("Lily") was rescued by the Forestry Administration-Wildlife Alliance Wildlife Rapid Rescue Team (WRRT) from a trader in Pursat province and brought in. Lily was lucky to have been rescued so soon after capture and, following her quarantine period, she was introduced to Buddy, allowing them to bond in our newly refurbished cub nursery. Then came "Pete", a five-year-old male Sun bear who had been kept all his life at the house of a businessman in Phnom Penh. He's settled into our newest bear house and will soon mix with a newly-formed group of similarly aged Sun bears.

In July another young male Sun bear cub, trapped in a snare, was fortunately discovered by forest rangers in the Cardamom Mountains of South-west Cambodia. Transferred to us, "Bangles" required much surgery on his foot but has now recovered fully (leaving just a small scar on his wrist, hence his name!).

Not so fortunate were the last two arrivals, a brother and sister pair of Asiatic black bear cubs. Trapped in snares, they were discovered by the WRRT hidden beneath an ox-cart by a wildlife trader in Battambang. Hog-tied to wooden poles, the ropes had been pulled so tight we feared the male might lose three limbs. Both cubs required extensive surgery to repair the damage done by their barbaric captors. "James" lost all the toes on one foot but has kept his limbs and amazes everyone with his forgiving nature (helped along by tasty treats and his insatiable desire for food!). "Rose" has lost one front limb below the elbow but is now over the worst and will soon join Lily in a new nursery group.

Our sanctuary team has been working hard upgrading the enclosures with pools, climbing towers and enrichment toys. We're reducing some of our bigger groups, using space offered by our superb "Hunter Hall Bear House", to build new groups for Archie, Mario, Tom-tom and Sonee as well as some female Sun bears including Koh, Floppy and San.

Denise Laughlin, a Scottish vet nurse, joined us to help with veterinary care and has had a busy few months with new arrivals and ongoing caring of the bears.



Starved and abused: a depressed little Sun bear upon arrival

Vietnam *New Broadis, Sanctuary Manager*

From building site to bear sanctuary...

11pm, 18th July saw the Mekong Delta Bear Sanctuary (MDBS) leap into the next phase of it's development as three tired but healthy Asiatic Black Bears arrived at their new home.

The operation had been in danger of cancellation due to ongoing rainstorms making the river crossing at Cat Tien National Park almost impassible. However, after a very 'wet crossing' the bears arrived safely, settled in well and spent much of the day recovering. (better than the rest of us actually!).

Additionally, we transferred 3 bears from Cu Chi Wildlife Rescue Station to the site. Despite being extremely overweight, they travelled well and we've adjusted their diets to reduce the excess.

In August, FreeThe Bears Fund's Veterinary Nurse Denise Laughlin, visited MDBS to conduct an inventory of medicine and equipment we either have or should acquire.

A battering of strong winds and storms in September slowed construction but, overall, our building work is progressing well with an official opening due in the New Year.



Negotiating the Dong Nai river to relocate our new arrivals

A welcome addition...

UK Report *Sonia Gibbon*

Free The Bears UK is coming on in leaps and bounds

The Red Rose Chain theatre company asked us to join them in a performance of Shakespeares "A Winter's Tale" (featuring a bear). Matt Hunt joined us and we took a mock up of a farmed bear cage and information on our work. They had a teddy bears picnic in our honour and took audience donations. They also, very kindly, decided to 'Name a Bear'. "Rose", newly rescued in Cambodia, is doing extremely well despite horrific injury to her front limbs.

Free The Bears UK is now registered with the tax office so people can nominate us to receive a proportion of their payment. Our application to the Charities Commission is in and we will start the year with renewed vigour in local fundraising groups all over the UK. Thanks to ex-volunteer Lynn Simpson for help with our graphics and for her ongoing support.

Interested in helping out or starting your own group?

Contact Sonia at: FreeTheBearsUK@googlegmail.com

South East Asia Update

Luang Prabang Sanctuary, Laos

Report by Jane Clegg and Jude Osborne, Sanctuary Managers

Tat Kuang Si now has its first sun bear! A young male confiscated from a bile farm and brought to us late April.

He was so badly injured, weak and in such poor health that we decided to keep him at the FTB house in Luang Prabang to provide him with 24 hour care. Malnourished and dehydrated, he also had a severe wound on his front leg. But our biggest concern was his depressed state: he had simply given up hope and we had to work very hard to give him a reason to live.

Progress was slow and we were unsure whether he would survive but gradually he grew stronger, taking small amounts of honey and other treat-food gently from our fingers.

After about a month he was strong enough to be taken to our rescue centre and has now been introduced to our other new arrival, a young Asiatic named "Douey" (it means 'fatty' in Lao).

He is still a little nervous but loves his playmate (who is much more confident) and is slowly learning to enjoy his playground, tire swings and bamboo treats. We will soon complete a new outdoor nursery for the cubs to enjoy.

Sadly our good news about the sun bear was accompanied by the tragic loss of one of our youngest bears, Fei, who died after a suspected snake bite. Despite our desperate efforts he passed away in May and is very much missed by all at the rescue centre.

Remembering him as a feisty, inquisitive soul with a sandy coloured head and long milky chin marking, we take comfort in him being a happy bear who had received only kindness and love whilst at the centre.

Our keepers have taken the loss hard and one broke down and cried for Fei. This shows how fortunate we are to have keepers who care so much for all the bears at Kuang Si.

He's the first bear we have lost but it strengthens our resolve to help as many bears as we can and work towards ending the cruel practice of bile farming—ensuring cubs grow up in the wild where they belong.

Jane, Jude and the keepers are the most amazing people and we are all so grateful for their dedication to the bears ~ Mary

Safe from harm

"I was fortunate to participate in a Free The Bears Fund volunteer tour to Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos in March 09. The group comprised like-minded individuals, passionate about animal welfare, conservation and being able to visit the FTB sanctuaries. It was also an opportunity to photograph the bears and, hopefully, to share the images back in Australia.

"The bears were amazing subjects, inquisitive, playful and each with their own personality. It's testament to the FTB's hard work that they are so well adjusted and content with their lives.

"It's also important to remember the sanctuaries are in generally poor countries which are only beginning to understand the need to respect the natural environment. FTB, and other wildlife organisations, are contributing greatly to this development.

"The exhibition will also show some of the wonderful people we met and the sights visited, including Angkor Wat, Temples of Luang Prabang and the Palaces of Phnom Penh.



An exhibition of images from Free The Bears Fund sanctuaries in Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos. By Colin Miller.



"The photography is for sale with all proceeds going to FTB (the University of WA Club has generously waived all gallery fees and commissions on sales).

I hope you will be able to attend the exhibition and see, through a camera lens, the results of the FTB's amazing work." ~Colin

Where: University of Western Australia Club, Hackett Drive, Crawley.

When: Official opening (by invitation only) 23 January, 2010

Free The Bears Fund evening: 30 January (invitation-only)

Public viewing 16–26th February

Entry: Free, open every day except Sundays

Details: www.universityclub.uwa.edu.au



Paws for thought: the Lunabear Ladys are fantastic supporters of the bears.

NSW Report

By Jeanette Akkanen, Co-ordinator

Phone 9584 1670 or email jeanette@freethebears.com.au

THANK YOU JOAN PEARSON (again) for the May luncheon and auction. As usual, it was a resounding success and raised approx \$36,000. Thank you also to all who donated items for the luncheon, especially to Vivienne and Joe Blair for providing food and auction items. What would we do without Joan and all her fabulous crew (details of the next one are below; any auction items would be appreciated).

Thanks go to Jade Evans for helping out at the sanctuary in Vietnam. The Trivia night raised \$3,500 with a full house and our trip to the Donkey Sanctuary was a delightful day. The Pet Fest was again a great success thanks to Beth, Phil and helpers. Kelly Harris had a successful day with her cake and book stall. Our next meeting is at my house on the 2pm, 21 November — jeanette@freethebears.org.au

STILL IN NSW Our wonderful supporter and great bear lover Joan Pearson is hosting another luncheon for the bears at her home, 18 Ida Avenue, Mosman. Please make a note in your calendars for Sunday 29 Nov at 12.30. It's a \$100 per person, featuring special guests Kartick Satyanarayan and Geeta Seshamani of Wildlife SOS (presenting the rescue of the last bears from the roads of India) and Mary Hutton.

Tickets: just contact Joan on (02) 9960 2229 or via email to joanpearson7@gmail.com or Head Office (08) 9244 1096.

A huge thanks to Joan from all of us.

South Australia Report

By Pauline Cockrill, Co-ordinator, SA Support Group

Phone 0427 523 675 or email pj.ockrill@bigpond.com

The second half of the year has seen our nearly 50 volunteers extremely busy with various fundraising stands, events and promotional talks, resulting in raising:

15 August: stand at West Lakes Shopping Centre: \$725 (donations and merchandise); 4-12 September: stand at Royal Adelaide Show: almost \$15,000 (donations and merchandise); 20 September: City to Bay Fun Run where our team raised around \$900; 9 October: Quiz Night at Najjar's Café, North Adelaide netting over \$2500.

Our group continues to meet every 4th Wednesday at St David's Church Hall in Burnside. In August, Kirstin Long and Ant Abley gave an extremely thought-provoking presentation on their bear tracking work in Laos. In October Mandy Smith will talk about work as a bear keeper at Adelaide Zoo and her recent trip to the FTB sanctuary in Cambodia. Sheila Scutter continues her group talks, including Parafield Gardens School and the Salvation Army.

We hope to have a pre Christmas get-together for volunteers and we already have stands planned for the first part of the year: Easter Craft Fair at Morphettville Racecourse (2-5 April); Body Mind and Psychic Expo (5-6 June). New ideas for fundraising events are more than welcome.

Thank you to Pauline and all her tireless volunteers ~ Mary.

Victoria Report

By Rita Kimmerle, Co-ordinator, Vic Support Group

Tel: 0400 030 598

In association with Rotary Club Port Melbourne, our annual Free The Bears Fund Dinner will feature special guest Mary Hutton. Port Melbourne's Rotary Club has kindly offered their wonderful location with sweeping views across the Bay and Mary will update us on activities in overseas branches during a mouth-watering 2 course dinner.

Other special guests are Kartick Satyanarayan (Founder and co-Director of Wildlife SOS) and Geeta Seshamani (co-Director). Kartick will delight us with his recount of the last 'dancing bears' to be brought into the Agra sanctuary. Scott Pinnegar, National Sales Manager World Expeditions, will also join us.

FTB merchandise will be on sale (cash only), including Christmas Packs, and we'll draw an always-popular raffle.

When: Monday 30 November / 6.00pm for a 6.30 start

Where: Life Saving Victoria, 200 The Boulevard, Port Melbourne

Cost: \$40 for dinner and desert (children \$20)

Drinks: available at bar prices

Purchase tickets from Free The Bears Fund's office in WA, (08) 9244 1096 or email helen@freethebears.org.au

Payment options include credit card, cheque or direct debit; please notify us of dietary requirements e.g. vegetarian, vegan.

Any queries: email. Rita Kimmerle on rkimmerle@tpg.com.au or call Meredith Sharp on (03) 9703 4505.

RSVP Deadline for the evening is Monday 23 November 2009.

All tickets have to be pre-purchased — none sold on the night.

STILL IN MELBOURNE The Victorian team will again be at the Caulfield Pet and Animal EXPO from the 12–14th February 2010. From 10am–5pm on Friday, Saturday and Sunday at the Caulfield Race Course.

Come along and visit our stand outside the main building.

Call Graeme Barnett (Vic. branch) on 0407 523 290 to volunteer.





I feel much better today



Denise, vet nurse and bear hammock-maker

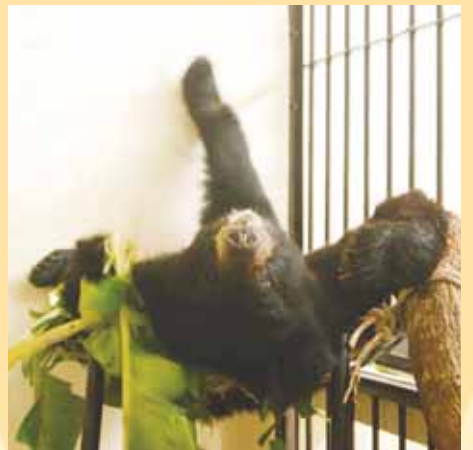


What time's dinner?



Rose looking very rosey

Why we do what we do 



It's been a long day



I'm Sai, the good looking one



"Ipoh", ooh la la



The French Connection



A priceless meeting (these bears are now in our sanctuary)



Buddy, showing a Sun bear's amazing ability to bounce-back from adversity



Kayasin and Deng: pay attention, it'll be a forward leap from the pike position!

Gifts & Garments

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



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 each (O/S)



Panda bears

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

Cost \$7 each (incl. GST)

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



Christmas cards

Three endearing designs and great value: 12 cards and envelopes per pack.

Cost \$16 a pack (incl. GST)

Postage \$4.30 per pack (in Australia) or \$12.50 a pack (O/S)



2010 calendar

Stunning imagery to announce every new month—superb gift.

Cost \$22 (incl. GST)

Postage \$4.35 each (within Australia) or \$11 each (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



Wristbands

Support Free the Bears; black or white available.

Cost \$2.50 (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)



'Rescued bears' cards

8 glossy blank cards/envelops with photos from our sanctuaries in Cambodia and India.

Cost \$10/pack (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 \$7 (incl. GST)

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



Magnet and sticker

Show your support with our delightful sticker or get a super-useful fridge magnet.

Cost \$2.50 each per sticker or magnet (incl. GST)

Postage Free



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)

brand new



Travel coffee mugs

Cost \$15 (incl. GST)

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

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 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18

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 t-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)



'Yum! Yum!' bear t-shirt

Ideal for little ones in bright colours.

Sizes 0, 2, 4, 6

Colours pink, yellow, khaki

Cost \$18 (incl. GST)

Postage \$4 ea. (in Australia) or \$8 ea. (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 (v-neck) with black print. FTB Fund website details on back.

Sizes S, M, L, XL

Cost \$25 (incl. GST)

Postage \$4 ea. (in Australia) or \$8 ea. (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 \$12 (incl. GST)

Postage \$5 each (within Australia) or \$12.50 each (O/S)

Great Christmas gift pack

worth \$80
only \$60

Solve your gift giving problems in one easy purchase (postage included).

Our fantastic gift pack includes:

- 'show your support' shopping bag
- collectors' edition calendar
- tea towels, x2
- 12 delightful Christmas cards
- an endearing Lotus Sun bear

Cost \$60 (incl. GST and postage)



Care for a bear

Our responsibility to the bears does not end with their rescue. To ensure they receive the best ongoing care we rely on people like yourself for sponsorship of individual animals.

You'll receive a certificate-of-care and the immense satisfaction of knowing you are making a difference.

Visit our "Meet the bears" page at www.freethebears.org.au or call Head Office (08) 9244 1096



Oscar



Norboo



Apala



Baloo



Rollie



Lucy



Matilda



Charlie



Amy

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

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Signature

Please complete your details:

Name

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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

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Signature

Please post your form/s to:

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