

FREE THE BEARS NEWSLETTER

BEARS' PRINT



NOVEMBER 2019
24 YEARS OF
PROTECTING BEARS

FREE THE BEARS aims to protect, preserve and enrich the lives of bears throughout the world.



MESSAGE FROM MARY

CEO Matt Hunt with Free the Bears founder Dr Mary Hutton and the Perth office team Jess, Sacha and Jeannie



Dear Members, Supporters and Friends,

Greetings to everyone in the Free the Bears family, which continues to grow and grow. When we first registered Free the Bears almost 25 years ago, it was just a few of us in Perth, working day and night to try and make a difference. Over the years we were able to get the message out and raise awareness of the plight of the bears. I remember how surprised and happy I was when I'd receive messages of support, first from Australia, then Europe, USA, and further afield. These days we receive messages from the most far-flung corners of the world. It's so heartening to see more and more people taking an interest in the bears. I've always believed that individually we have the power to make a difference, but together we can achieve so much more - look at what Free the Bears has managed to achieve!

In mid-October we had a meeting of the Board of Directors followed by a small gathering of volunteers and Free the Bears family members at Perth Zoo. It was a lovely evening filled with laughter and hope. We visited Jamran, the male sun bear we helped rescue in 2001, a real treat to see him again. Our CEO Matt Hunt gave a very comprehensive update of the many recent bear rescues, the new bear houses we've built, our busy Education and Research Programmes and the many other projects underway. I'm so very proud of our local teams based at the sanctuaries, they're doing such a great job and I can tell are giving their all for the bears.

At our Cambodia sanctuary, the world's largest sun bear sanctuary, our Awareness, Communication and Education (ACE) team are informing record numbers of young people about the issues facing bears and other wildlife. Our Bear Care Tour and Volunteer Programmes continue to raise funds and receive glowing reviews. The Research Programme published the first ever Conservation Strategy for Sun Bears and have more research papers in the pipeline. Our Bear Care Team and vets are doing a great job - just last month they helped a tiny sun bear cub with a horrific snare wound and assisted a rare and delicate eye surgery. Congratulations to Nev, Pesei, Vuthy, Jen, Brian, Kirsty and their teams.

Matt is currently living in Laos where they've already had a record year of 17 bear rescues. To cope with all the rescues we've built bear houses and other facilities at our new Luang Prabang Wildlife Sanctuary (although it looks like we'll soon need more bear houses). It fills me with hope that our Laos government partners are strengthening their capacity to tackle the illegal wildlife trade. Congratulations to Matt, Tak, Lar and their teams. Dung, our Vietnam Programme Manager, has recently opened our third Bear House at the Cat Tien Bear Sanctuary in Vietnam. Sacha, who is doing a marvelous job coordinating our State Supporter Groups, has just returned from a visit. She's been showing me some lovely photos - the sun bears enjoying beautiful new forest enclosures and the older moon bears, many of which have suffered terrible lives in tiny cages on bile farms and aren't very mobile these days, lazing in the hammocks in their dens.

Our State Support Groups have had a busy and successful year with trivia nights, stalls at events and shopping centres, movie fundraisers, teddy bears picnics, even art classes and a Bollywood Dance! I'm grateful to the State Support Group coordinators and volunteers for your hard work and dedication. What an eventful and exciting six months - we've achieved a lot, but we still have a lot to do. Next year will be our 25th year - I'm excited to see what 2020 brings. Thanks to everyone in the Free the Bears family. May your homes be filled with joy and love this holiday season.

With much love and bear hugs, Mary



Mary Christmas, Luang Prabang Wildlife Sanctuary

Increased rescues has resulted in increased operating costs to provide healthy diets, vet care, enrichment and upkeep of enclosures and bear houses. To help us cope, please register as a Bear Carer at www.freethebears.org

UPDATES FROM THE FIELD CAMBODIA

Over the past six months in Cambodia we've been strengthening and expanding our Volunteer, Research and ACE Programmes while renovating and improving care facilities for our family of 119 rescued bears. Our vet programme has been active with visiting specialists.

We've just received our 207th Cambodian Rescue, a sun bear cub from Ratanakiri province in northeast Cambodia. Weighing in at only 5kg, the cub had lost a paw, the result of a horrific snare wound. X-rays revealed the remaining bones of her paw had become infected, requiring a partial amputation. Malnourished, terrified and suffering excruciating pain when rescued, she's now on the road to recovery. She'll require lifelong care at the Cambodia Bear Sanctuary.

In late October we had a visit from Dr Claudia Hartley, one of the world's leading wildlife ophthalmologists, who very kindly

Cambodia Rescue #207 after surgery (and milk)



On the education front, our second scholarship student, Vichet Roth, has graduated with a Masters of Biodiversity Conservation and now joined Free the Bears as a Research Programme Assistant. Welcome Vichet. Our education team is busy hosting over 1,000 Cambodian high school students at the Cambodia Bear Sanctuary, teaching about wildlife welfare and conservation (and testing their knowledge at the end of the day). These are our largest school groups ever, funded by visits from international schools, including a large group of delightful and industrious students from the National Public School of Singapore just last month. We're glad to have this opportunity to help create a new generation of wildlife warriors.



donated her time to check the eyes of two bears with cataracts, Suttu and Jon. We were hoping cataract removal could restore vision for Suttu, a young male moon bear. Sadly, Dr Claudia's sophisticated equipment revealed both bears were already totally blind and the cataract surgery was cancelled. Suttu and Jon are coping well, using their incredible sense of smell to negotiate their enclosures and locate food and treats.

The Volunteer Programme and Bear Care Tours are going from strength to strength. The tropical Cambodian climate is brutal on the sanctuary (especially when you add sun bears and moon bears into the mix). Visiting volunteers have been hard at work painting bear houses and repairing climbing structures, hammocks and enclosures, as well as preparing enrichment to stimulate the complex minds of the bears and test their foraging skills. Does that sound like an experience you would enjoy? Visit our website for details of volunteering opportunities we have available. A huge thanks to our team and all of the wonderful supporters who have already visited and helped out - we hope to see you again.

Our Cambodia Programme Manager and a former winner of the international Future for Nature Award, Vuthy Chuon, was just hosted in Europe by the Future For Nature Awards. He also visited zoos in Germany and Netherlands where he shared his knowledge of bears and picked up valuable skills.

Our Research Programme (Brian, Thona and Vichet) are busily writing applications for research grants (and winning them) as well as working on multiple research projects. They recently published the Sun Bear Global Status Review and Conservation Action Plan. This is the first ever conservation plan for a terrestrial bear species, a huge step forward to ensure the survival of the world's smallest and least-known bear species. Implementation of the plan was discussed at the 2nd Sun Bear Symposium held in September in Borneo, attended by Matt and Brian. Brian and Thona recently visited our key research and conservation partner San Diego Zoo Global for a series of valuable meetings. It's very exciting to watch the Cambodian team grow and develop. Great work team!



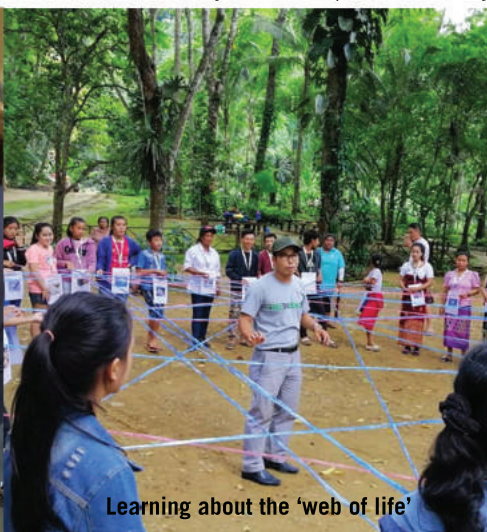
UPDATES FROM THE FIELD LAOS

2019 is proving to be our most challenging and exciting year yet (or do we say that every year?). What isn't in doubt is that 2019 is already a record year for bear rescues. Since our last newsletter in May we've rescued an additional 13 bears in Laos, bringing us to 17 bear rescues for the year and far surpassing last year's record (13). This included an amazing August rescue where we set out for two young cubs but came home with five after chasing tip-offs given to our government partners. It was our largest ever rescue and we were lucky to have had police protection during the confiscations. All five are moon bear cubs - two sets of mixed gender siblings (featured on the front cover) and an older male. We were just able to squeeze them into the back of the rescue truck. September saw another four rescues, including another two moon bear cubs, followed by two more adult moon bears in October. We also rescued a second female sun bear in June, providing little Mary Christmas with a new friend.

In August we completed a new bear house and enclosure at the Luang Prabang Wildlife Sanctuary. This allowed us to move a group of girls up from the crowded Tat Kuang Si Bear Rescue Centre, bringing us to a more reasonable 29 bears at Tat Kuang Si (designed for 25). Then BOOM, suddenly we have 11 more bears! Two bears have since been moved to the new sanctuary and we're managing with the small cubs in the nursery for the moment. Thanks to a generous donor (thanks Claire), we've been able to fast-track construction of a larger cub nursery at the new sanctuary, which will enable us to move the larger cubs quite soon with the other cubs to follow.

It's not only bears which are keeping us busy. We recently rescued our first ever pangolin, the world's most trafficked mammal. Our little guy is a Chinese pangolin which is critically endangered. Thankfully we'd just completed work on our specialist Pangolarium facility for rescued pangolins. Dr Kath was able to give him the all clear and he is recovering well, sleeping in the day and munching on special night feeds of ants nests and termites. We hope to release the pangolin and other rehabilitated wildlife to the forest next month.

Bear health checks in the Wildlife Hospital



Learning about the 'web of life'



Mary Christmas with her new friend Noy

Now that the Wildlife Hospital is up and running (thanks Perth visitors for bringing the X-ray machine), Dr Kath has been hard at work conducting health checks (special thanks to Australian Volunteers Programme as well as Jennie, Jules, Julie and Fiona). Our heartfelt thanks to the specialist ophthalmology team of Dr Claudia Hartley, Kelly and Sarah, who visited in October for eye surgeries. We're also excited to welcome a new Laos vet to the team. Welcome Meng!

Our construction team at the new sanctuary is working hard to complete the Quarantine House and Cub Nursery. Following a concerning short rainy season, new water storage dams have been dug to increase our water storage capacity, also allowing the creation of two 'islands' which can serve as homes for future rescues. We're improving security with extended boundary fencing and CCTV systems. Future projects include new Bear Houses and volunteer facilities (pending funding).

Our Education Team have been busy with a wonderful programme for local villagers called "Discover, Love and Protect Laos Wildlife" comprising five workshops over five months. They've just completed the third workshop. The villagers are soaking up the knowledge which we hope will translate into positive behavioural change. The team have also been busy at the Bear Rescue Centre with a steady stream of visitors keen to learn more of the plight of the bears. The Laos Volunteer Programme will be launched in the near future - get in touch or keep an eye on the website for details if interested.

The last six months have been both exhausting and rewarding. Thankfully we've had many wonderful donors and supporters visit us in Laos, which always helps to lift our spirits. Thank you - we hope to see many more of you in the years to come.

Chinese pangolin



UPDATES FROM THE FIELD VIETNAM

Rain, rain, rain! After a late start to the rainy season, the skies opened up, providing several weeks of solid rain and causing all the roads in the sanctuary to flood. Thankfully the bears weren't affected (in fact they quite enjoyed it) although for a while we had to carry the bear food in on boats and all construction was paused. A break in the rain allowed us to finally complete our third bear house at the Cat Tien Bear Sanctuary and in October we moved the rescued moon bears to their new homes, featuring giant forested enclosures with swimming pools. The bears are loving the new environment and regularly disappear into the forest where they can nest for the night if they so desire.

Construction has commenced on a Food and Enrichment Kitchen and Bear Carer facility, all designed to improve hygiene and decrease the risk of disease transmission from domestic livestock and pets. Our next project we are seeking funding for will be a new Bear House (#4) and enclosures.



Enjoying the new Bear House 3

We recently had a visit from the 2019 Vietnam Expeditions trip, the biggest group so far! A team of 11 devoted supporters joined to volunteer for the bears. The level of action and imagination from this team was incredible! They completed 4 platforms for the bears, 10 grass baskets, 9 bear hammocks, 10 puzzle cubes, general repairs, enrichment sessions, scatter feeds, bamboo clearing, cleaning, scrubbing, fence installation and on their final day installed hammocks into our new Bear house 3, ready for its residents to move right in! Our local team were overwhelmed by the productivity and commitment this year's expedition crew put into action and we cannot express our gratitude enough. THANK YOU!



Shipping the bear food in during floods!



Dung presenting to students and accepting donation



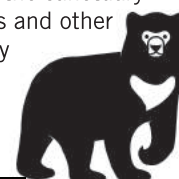
VIETNAM EXPEDITIONS volunteers helping fit out Bear House 3

Vietnam has reached a turning point with respect to the bear bile industry. A real chance exists to end this illegal trade, with a lack of suitable sanctuary space being one of the few hurdles remaining. Once we have this additional Bear House we'll be able to rescue a large number of bears from the bear bile trade.

Our Education Team continues to grow and develop. They recently hosted a group of budding young Vietnamese conservationists, winners of the WildAct Challenge, whose prize included a visit to our sanctuary. The winners described the visit as the "highlight of their lives". Our Vietnam Programme Manager Dung also gave a lecture to tourism students at Hoa Sen University, who were so impressed with our work that they banded together and raised a generous donation for the sanctuary. It's great to see this increasing interest and commitment from Vietnamese youth and institutions to support wildlife conservation (as an aside, there have been multiple arrests and incarcerations of illegal wildlife traders in Vietnam this year, a very positive sign).

Vietnam Expeditions is now open for applications in 2020 for two trips: May 2-13 and September 26-October 7. There are 8 spots available for each trip. For an information pack or application, please contact volunteer@freethebears.org

We've just had X-ray and imaging equipment arrive at our new Wildlife Hospital (thanks to donors Beth & Mike), an invaluable addition to help with the diagnostics and treatment of bears and other wildlife (particularly important for geriatric and ex-bile farm bears). Our family in Vietnam has also grown with the recent hire of Technical Advisor Jose and Logistics Officer Nu. Both have settled into their new roles and are proving to be an incredibly valuable contribution to our small team. Welcome to the family Jose and Nu. In the near future we're hoping to source a reliable electricity supply to the sanctuary and we're soldiering on with road improvements and other facilities, made possible by a grant from our key donor Welttierschutz-gesellschaft e.V. 2020 will be an exciting year of progress - we can't wait, bring it on. Merry Christmas!



SPECIAL XMAS TREAT...BALL

Bears are incredibly intelligent animals. In our efforts to give our rescued bears a life as close to natural as possible, and to keep their complex minds challenged, we provide them with enrichment activities on a daily basis. Specially made for bears, treat balls are stuffed with vegetables and other treats. On treat ball day, they'll often lie on their back and roll the ball around, using their long tongues and claws to extract the treats, peering into the ball with one eye to see if there is anything left inside. Treat balls are definitely one of the favorite enrichment activities of the bears - but sadly we don't have enough treat balls. Our supplier Aussie Dog has made a very kind offer for our supporters this Christmas only - send a Xmas Treat Ball for A\$40 (normally \$60).



MAKE IT A BEARY MERRY CHRISTMAS

In recognition of increased rescues and growing bear care needs, treat ball producer Aussie Dog (www.aussiedog.com.au) has offered us a once-only special price for Christmas 2019 to clear stock. You can send a Christmas treat ball gift to a rescued bear for only AUD\$40. You'll make a bear happy for many years to come. Visit our website under Gifts for Bears (www.freethethebears.org/collections/gifts-for-bears/products/treat-ball) or use the order form. Thank you.

NEW LOVES AND SAD LOSSES

We welcome new arrivals with open arms each month whilst shedding a tear for those we lose. With heavy hearts we said goodbye to our beloved Champa, the world's first bear to undergo brain surgery. We also welcomed 14 bears into our family.



At the very core of Free the Bears is the belief that the actions of individuals can make a difference. We accept the responsibility to care for rescues for their natural lives, if needed. For many animal lovers, leaving a legacy to help provide a safe future for the bears in our care (as well as the ones who will need us in years to come) is the greatest gift they'll ever bestow upon our four-legged friends. Over the past 24 years, many kind-hearted individuals have helped ensure that we are able to continue to provide world-class sanctuaries and care to bears in need. We thank them from the bottom of our hearts. Email bequests@freethethebears.org for more information.

FUNDRAISING UPDATES

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

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By Sacha Dowell

PERTH: The Perth volunteer team have been a hive of activity over the past six months. Our annual quiz night in May was a raging success with \$14,000 raised, including over \$2,000 in gifts for bears pledged. Our annual WA raffle brought in \$13,000 from ticket sales. Our three lucky winners were well deserving Free the Bears supporters. We've held no less than 14 merchandise stalls in shopping centres, thanks to our wonderful volunteers and supporters. In August we organised a Bollywood Dinner to celebrate 10 years since the last Indian dancing bear, Raju, was rescued. Bollywood dancers entertained us and our founder Dr Mary Hutton shared her heartfelt story of the momentous dancing bear rescue. Our stall at the Perth Royal Show was an amazing success with a profit of \$8,200. One of our volunteers Karen has been doing talks at Probus/Rotary Club meetings etc - 5 so far in recent months - which have been great in raising awareness and raising funds as well. Other successful and fun events have included an art class organised by our amazing long-term supporter Ruth, a sell-out Bunnings sausage sizzle and a Lion King movie fundraiser. A huge thank you to our wonderful fundraising team and all our hardworking volunteers for such a stellar effort this year! Our fundraising team meets monthly to plan and organise our many fundraising events and are always keen for more helpers. Please get in contact to find out more!

By Sue Breheny

ALBANY: Albany supporters of Free The Bears have cranked up again after a winter lull. However, we did hold another successful Mothers' Day Raffle in May, and a handful of volunteers ran a Garage Sale in July and a Sausage Sizzle in August. We fluked a sunny day for the Sausage Sizzle and made more sales than expected. September has seen the return of several of our migratory supporters who seek the sunshine in Australia's north or overseas over staying out an Albany winter! Since then we have had another very successful Sausage Sizzle at a well-known hardware store on AFL Grand Final weekend and, last week, held our Street Appeal. The Albany Free the Bears Street Appeal raised \$1,680 - less than in previous years, but still useful funds to help our bears. We are now planning for our two-day Albany Agricultural Show display on 8th & 9th November. This event is a great opportunity to share information, enlist new supporters/volunteers and hopefully sell loads of merchandise. We also raffle a beautiful Christmas hamper at this time. The monthly Skype meetings with other co-ordinators and Matt and Rod in SE Asia continue to inspire us to keep raising funds for rescues and rehabilitation of bears. We love what we see of the progress on the new sanctuary in Laos and continued works and educational programs in Cambodia and Vietnam.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

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By Krystine and Alan Evans

Thanks to the generous organisers, we were sponsored to attend the Body, Mind & Psychic Expo during the weekend of 22/23 June. It was a great opportunity to reach a new audience and the FTB stand took \$1,794 during the two day event. On the same weekend, our quiz night on June 22 raised another \$4,108! Over 100 people attended our movie fundraiser in July, featuring The Lion King. The night was a fabulous success raising just over \$5,088 for the bears!

During August/September, our Royal Adelaide Show stand delivered almost \$10,300 into the FTB coffers! We are forever grateful to our dedicated volunteers for helping to cover the 90 shifts again this year, it would be impossible for us to do this without you! We are also very grateful to Channel 44 Adelaide for the opportunity to share the FTB story which was streamed LIVE to Facebook and included Sunny bear (& Krys) making their television debut!

Adelaide Entertainment Book sales for 2019 earned \$1,242 profit for the bears and donation tins (placed in businesses around Adelaide) have so far this year tallied around \$700. Special thanks to Angela and Anne for running these successful 'background' fundraisers! Contact us for more info or checkout our Facebook page.

VICTORIA

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By Kathleen Maggs

Since May we have held two successful movie fundraisers. In June at Brighton Dendy we hosted 37 people for Guy Ritchie's adaption of Disney's Aladdin and in August at Sun Theatre in Yarraville we had 60 people attend Quentin Tarantino's Once Upon a Time in Hollywood, raising over \$2,000. We've just hosted our annual Trivia Night which was a hugely successful and enjoyable night. We had two winners for the night - our rescued bears (we raised over \$6,200) and our Trivia Quiz winners, Table 1. The following day Ruanna hosted a teddy bear picnic fundraiser, raising \$340. Congratulations and thank you to all. We've added several new volunteers to our Victorian Team but are looking for more so please get in touch if you are interested in helping. For our next event, we're looking forward to returning to the Melbourne Showgrounds on November 10 for World Vegan Day.

NEW SOUTH WALES

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By Jeanette Akkanen

A lovely afternoon was had by all at the Risotto, Pasta and Pizza fundraiser on June 2 which raised over \$16,000. In August our stall at Cronulla 'Dogs in the Park' raised about \$400. We also held a book stall at Caringbah and although it didn't raise a lot of money it was good exposure for Free the Bears. More dates for market stalls are coming up. Thanks to everyone who has donated goods and their time. Next year we are kicking off with another 'Comedy for a Cause' - our third time for this great fun fundraiser. The event is scheduled for Saturday 22nd February - get your tickets early as there are limited seats available (comedyforacause.net/BEARS). I have taken up the position of NSW Coordinator again. Samantha Lamb recently resigned - we thank her for her work and input and wish her well. We are hoping to increase our volunteer register and encourage more members to attend our next meeting on 9th November 2pm at Revesby Workers Club, Brett Street. Please contact me if you would like to come along.

We are desperately seeking State Support Group volunteers for New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland and Tasmania. Contact office@freethebears.org or call (08) 9244 1096 if you are interested in helping with fundraising or becoming more involved with the Free the Bears family



GET INVOLVED

COMING EVENTS

Albany

Albany Agricultural Show Stall
Centennial Park
Nov 8-9, 9am-5pm

VIC

World Vegan Day Stall
Melbourne Showgrounds
Nov 10, 10am-6pm

SA

Petanque Garden Party
Prospect Petanque Club
Nov 17, 1pm

Perth & Albany

Bunnings Sausage Sizzle
Perth Balcatta, Albany TBC
Perth Nov 10, Albany Nov, TBC

Perth

Pet Expo
Claremont Showground
Nov 16-17

Perth

Street Appeal
Perth CBD
Nov 22

Perth

Art Class
Crawley
Nov 23-24

Albany

Volunteer Christmas Party
TBC
mid-December, TBC

NSW

Comedy for a Cause
Revesby Workers Club
February 22, 8pm

SA

Bingo for Bears
TBC
February, TBC

SA

Animal Expo
Adelaide Showground
April 4-5

VIETNAM

Vietnam Expeditions Volunteer Trips
Cat Tien Bear Sanctuary & Vietnam
May 2-13 & Sept 26-Oct 7

VOLUNTEERS OUR BEARS NEED YOU!



Volunteers urgently needed in:

**SYDNEY
MELBOURNE
HOBART
BRISBANE
DARWIN**

We are always looking for more volunteers elsewhere, including Albany (WA), Perth, Adelaide, or wherever you live! Join our amazing team of fundraising volunteers to help raise awareness and funds to care for our rescued bears. Please contact office@freethebears.org.au



BECOME A BEAR CARER

With more bears arriving at our sanctuaries, many of them suffering from terrible injuries sustained at the hands of their captors, it's imperative that we have a steady source of funds to ensure we are able to provide lifelong care, which can last up to 40 years. Building a base of recurring donors is vital. Even just a few cents a day adds up and can make a difference. Please visit our website to register as a Bear Carer or contact our Perth office to become a monthly donor. Thank you.



Cover Photo: When we set out on August 19 to rescue two young moon bear cubs from a remote province in northern Laos, little did we know that by the end of the day we'd have five cubs, our largest ever rescue. The two cubs we'd set out to rescue (male, female, approx 3 months old) are on the bottom of the page. Above them are the two older cubs rescued soon after (male, female approx. 7 months). A larger male cub was rescued later in the day. All are recovering well at our Tat Kuang Si Bear Rescue Centre, Luang Prabang, Laos. Thanks to Luang Namtha Provincial Office of Forest Inspection, Laos, for facilitating the rescue.

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RECENT ACHIEVEMENTS - THANK YOU TO ALL

Without the courage and actions of our founder Dr. Mary Hutton, almost 1,000 bears would be in a far worse situation. The rescued bears have been given lifelong care in beautiful sanctuaries and the lives of thousands of people throughout Asia and the rest of the world have been positively impacted. But Mary did not do this alone – along the journey she had, and continues to have, an amazing support network of like-minded, caring, generous and loving supporters. Yes that's YOU we're talking about. Here are just some of the wonderful achievements of the last few months. Thank you to everyone for your support.



GIFTS FOR HUMANS



CHRISTMAS CARDS

Six pack of gorgeous cards featuring Mary Christmas

Cost: A\$12 each

Post: A\$3.5 Aus, A\$9.1 o/s



2020 WALL CALENDAR

A beautiful wall calendar displaying one month per page

Cost: A\$20 each

Post: A\$3.5 Aus, A\$9.1 o/s



COFFEE MUGS

What better way to start the day - bears (& coffee!)

Cost: A\$13 each

Post: A\$8.5 Aus, A\$17 o/s



SNARE WARE BRACELET

This project protects bears and helps rural communities

Cost: A\$30 each

Post: A\$3.5 Aus, A\$9.1 o/s



BASEBALL CAP

Protect yourself from the sun. Free size, green or black

Cost: A\$15 each

Post: A\$3.5 Aus, A\$9.1 o/s



ZHU (SUE) RED PANDA

A little cutie, perfect for little hands. Real Zhu lives in Laos

Cost: A\$9 each

Post: A\$4 Aus, A\$9.1 o/s



FREE THE BEARS T-SHIRT

Cool new design in two colours, black and grey marle

Cost: A\$20 each

Post: A\$3.5 Aus, A\$9.1 o/s



SHOPPING BAG

Perfect for shopping or a day at the beach, helps raise awareness

Cost: A\$5 each

Post: A\$3.5 Aus, A\$9.1 o/s



SHOELACE BEAR

20cm tall, built to cuddle, makes a great gift

Cost: A\$16 each

Post: A\$8.5 Aus, A\$17 o/s



BEANIES

Be cool in the cool. Free size, dark or light grey

Cost: A\$15 each

Post: A\$3.5 Aus, A\$9.1 o/s



MARY'S BIOGRAPHY

Mary Hutton's biography of her journey with Free the Bears

Cost: A\$20 each

Post: A\$8.5 Aus, A\$17 o/s+



BRANDY BEAR

Possibly the most beautiful moon bear in the world!

Cost: A\$15 XMAS SALE PRICE

Post: A\$8.5 Aus, A\$17 o/s



STUBBY HOLDER/BEER KOOZIE

Keep your drinks beary cold with our cool coolers

Cost: A\$7.50 each

Post: A\$3.5 Aus, A\$9.1 o/s



SUN BEAR PRINT

Limited edition print by Perth artist Jenny Wildey. 46.5cm * 30cm on fine art paper with Certificate of Authenticity

Cost: A\$40 XMAS SALE PRICE

Post: A\$12 Aus, A\$18 o/s



FREE THE BEARS PEN

Spread the word (literally) about the plight of the bears

Cost: A\$3.50 each

Post: FREE POSTAGE with order of other merchandise



RAJU BEAR

Raju was the very last dancing sloth bear rescued in India

Cost: A\$10 XMAS SALE PRICE

Post: A\$8.5 Aus, A\$17 o/s

DID YOU KNOW?

- Free the Bears is a registered charity in Australia. Any donation or bear sponsorship can be claimed as a tax deduction (Australians)
- Any sponsorship or Gift for Bears/Humans can be sent to a loved one - what a great ethical gift! On the website select "Send as a Gift" and create a beautiful e-card to be emailed. Or contact us directly and we'll mail the sponsorship pack or gift to your loved one.

GIFTS FOR BEARS



POT OF HONEY
Cost: A\$20 each



CUB CARE KIT
Cost: A\$35 each



TREAT BALL
Cost: A\$60 ~~A\$80~~ **SPECIAL**
XMAS 2019 GIFT PRICE

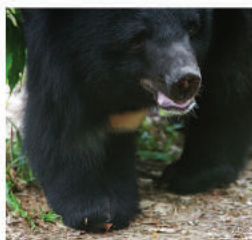


BEAR HAMMOCK
Cost: A\$100 each

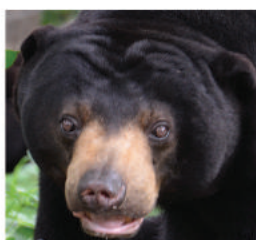
CARE FOR A BEAR - SPONSORSHIPS



BRANDY - CAMBODIA
Cost: A\$210-6 mth/\$420-12 mth



HOPE - VIETNAM
Cost: A\$210-6 mth/\$420-12 mth



MOKIUP - CAMBODIA
Cost: A\$210-6 mth/\$420-12 mth



MARY - LAOS
Cost: A\$210-6 mth/\$420-12 mth

GIFTS FOR HUMANS	Colour	Size	Qty	Cost	Post	TOTAL
GIFTS FOR BEARS	Quantity			Cost	TOTAL	
SPONSORSHIP	6 mth or 12 mth			Cost	TOTAL	

PAYMENT METHOD

- Cheque/money orders payable to: **FREE THE BEARS**
- No receipt required
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Vegan Festival, Adelaide, October



Bear House 3, Vietnam



Volunteer Party, Perth, October



ONGOING PROJECTS - THANKS TO SUPPORTERS

Below are some of our ongoing projects expected to be completed in the next 6 months. It is only with your support that we can expand facilities to care for additional rescues and prepare for impending closures of bear bile farms. Thank you.

Kitchen & Food Preparation Area, Cat Tien Bear Sanctuary, Vietnam



Visitor Area, Luang Prabang Wildlife Sanctuary, Laos

Quarantine House, Luang Prabang Wildlife Sanctuary, Laos



Cub Nursery, Luang Prabang Wildlife Sanctuary, Laos



HOW ELSE CAN I HELP?

For many of our infrastructure projects we're able to secure funding support from zoo, corporate and other institutional partners. Where we most need YOUR support is to help us provide lifelong care for the rescued bears in our sanctuaries (who live up to 40 years). To help make up for their past suffering and provide the best life possible, our rescued bears require vet care, a healthy diet, enrichment activities, climbing towers and hammocks as well as large forest enclosures with cooling pools.

Please become a **BEAR CARER** to help us provide the ongoing care for our rescued bears and other wildlife. Even a small monthly donation adds up.

Please visit www.freethebears.org/pages/bear-carer or contact our Perth office to set up a monthly donation.

AUD\$25/mth Cub Carer provides emergency treatment for cubs

AUD\$50/mth Bear Carer provides a healthy diet for 10 days

AUD\$150 will feed a healthy diet to a rescued bear for a month

AUD\$250 will care for a rescued bear for a month - healthy diet, vet care & enrichment to stimulate their complex minds

