

Forest Chatter



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From the President...

The reality in the orangutan conservation world is that we receive good news and we also experience setbacks; often on the same day. It's like a real-life game of snakes and ladders.

But lots of good news this month so we have decided to make this Forest Chatter a good news edition.

Firstly, the report that we are halfway to the target of 100 orangutan releases in 2017. This is an incredibly ambitious target given the complexity and individual

nature of every release and the resources required.

More good news as we opened a new baby house. My favourite video this month is of the babies in the bus on the way to their new house. You can enjoy that from the link inside.

And the good news keeps on coming with details of our proud association with Auguste the Label. They have been incredibly generous and have not only adopted 90 orangutans but have created a tote bag with 100% of the sale price going to orangutans.

A wonderful gift for you or a friend. You get the bag and orangutans get the proceeds.

Also your opportunity to visit Borneo and work side-by-side with other volunteers and the local staff to create and introduce enrichment items. Anyone who takes on this adventure counts it as one of the most amazing of their life.

Hope you enjoy the good news as much as we enjoy presenting it.

Tony Gilding, President

Enrich lives in Borneo

Have you ever been interested in caring for orangutans? Seeing them in real life? Or even in the wild?

We have an amazing opportunity for you. You can visit our rehabilitation centre in Borneo and help orangutans. Your days will be varied, ranging from trips to the local market for vegetables to an afternoon with the resident botanist collecting approved berries and fruit for the orangutans.

During your stay, you will work closely with the enrichment staff to develop new enrichment items for the orangutans: using vegetables, recycled items, forest materials and seeds.

It's hands-on and hard work but very satisfying. A highlight each day is to watch the keepers distribute the new enrichment items and observe how the orangutans interact with them.

We are running four 14-night programs from November 2017 to February 2018. SPOTS ARE LIMITED.

- 6–19 **November** 2017
- 4–17 **December** 2017
- 8–21 **January** 2018
- 5–18 **February** 2018

If you're interested in an amazing, life-changing experience volunteering to help orangutans and you're over 18, this is the trip for you.

Hurry, don't miss this opportunity. Find out more at: <http://bit.ly/2pLUouW>

Note: For the health and safety of the orangutans, there isn't any direct hands-on contact with volunteers.





Not just a new house, a new home

In February, we reported on the new year's first rescue mission, to save an infant female orangutan in Pilang village, Central Kalimantan. Who could forget Baby Jacqui. She was brought to Nyaru Menteng underweight, injured and sadly orphaned.

After eight months of rehabilitation in our Orangutan Reintroduction centre at Nyaru Menteng, Jacqui is now a very healthy one-and-a-half-year-old baby, weighing 5.9 kg. She is very independent and loves to climb trees and build nests from leaves and twigs. In the Nursery Group, Jacqui is very close to another orphaned baby Bumi; whenever Bumi gets scared, Jacqui is always there to comfort him and give him a hug like a doting big sister.

Moving day

In August, Jacqui and 15 other baby orangutans, including Mema, Zahri and Kalanis, moved into their new Baby House. The new Baby House is equipped with an indoor playground and enrichment facilities as well as a special Forest School located less than 100 metres away designed for the Nursery Group orangutans.

BOS Foundation is committed to rehabilitating these babies, familiarising them with the wild environment, and releasing them into the forest once they are old enough. But even before they start to learn basic life skills in the Forest School, they must first be free of trauma,



and our new baby house is specially designed so we can provide them with the best possible care. With the help of our dedicated team of babysitters, we aim to give them comfort and security to help build their confidence.

It's not just a new house, it's a home. We hope the baby orangutans are happy here and will grow up healthy, so that we can later return them to the forest.

It was with your support that these babies now have a safe home where they can learn and thrive. We couldn't have done this without your help. Thank you for helping our babies learn and grow on their journey to freedom!

Watch the babies arrive and start to explore their new home:

<http://bit.ly/2vHeFVx>





Love is in the air

A tiny arrival at Nyaru Menteng on 14 February 2015 marked the beginning of a very special relationship with a very special little orangutan.

Valentino, named because of his arrival date, has been melting hearts ever since. He arrived at Nyaru Menteng in very poor condition. He was about 5 months old and weighed a tiny 2.2 kg. There were wounds all over his fragile little body.

With round the clock care and attention from our dedicated vet team and babysitters, little Valentino has survived his horrific start to life and is now a thriving, healthy and happy one-and-a-half-year-old.

He is currently attending Nursery Group where he is learning survival skills such as nest building and climbing. We hope to see him graduate from here to Forest School.

You can follow Valentino's progress as he gains all the skills he needs before he can be released back into the

wild. You can help him on his journey. For as little as \$15 a month (or \$180 per annum), you can adopt little Valentino.

With your generous and lifesaving adoption, you will receive:

- an adoption certificate, including a photo of Valentino
- an information sheet about Valentino
- half yearly updates on his progress
- our 'Forest Chatter' newsletter
- a small 'thank you' gift

All adoptions are tax deductible.

Adopt Baby Valentino today and help him to learn how to be a wild orangutan so he can one day be released back into the wild where he belongs.

<http://bit.ly/1hqBvZA>

90 days of change

Auguste the Label is an Aussie clothing company with a difference.

Vintage-inspired with a bohemian-chic twist, the label pays homage to designer Ebony Eagles' youth spent in the sun-drenched beachside town of Byron Bay. Designed around the philosophy of 'wear what makes you feel beautiful,' the collection fuses soft, dreamy separates with feminine, floaty silhouettes.

In an industry typically based on consumption, Auguste is more about giving back. Eagles says the company creates pieces that are designed to be worn over and over. It's not about seasons and they

don't work to trends. Additionally, the company always endeavours to adhere to high levels of ethical standards in their factories in Bali, China and, soon to be, LA.

It's these core values that see a great collaboration between Auguste the Label and BOS Australia.

Every day, for 90 days, Auguste will be adopting a baby orangutan on behalf of an online customer.

Every adoption contribution is valued at \$120 and lasts for a year. Each lucky Auguste Community Member will receive a Borneo Orangutan Survival Australia Adoption pack and email updates on the progress of one

of BOS Australia's baby orangutans.

And as if that's not amazing enough, Auguste has also designed a special BOS Charity Tote bag. Made from a sturdy cotton canvas fabric in an exclusive Auguste floral, this will no doubt soon become your favourite carry-all: <http://bit.ly/2vuqceC>

100% of the \$15 sale price of each tote goes to BOS Australia.

Visit the Auguste online shop at: augustethelabel.com

It's a win-win. Shop for beautiful, unique items and while helping to protect orangutans from the threat of extinction.



Kicking goals for #OrangutanFreedom

As part of our ongoing commitment to orangutan survival, we aim to reintroduce 100 orangutans to their natural habitat in 2017. We're pleased to report we've reached our halfway goal of 50 freed orangutans.

Your ongoing support has enabled these latest releases.

12 freed in Central Kalimantan

In August, four male and eight female orangutans, accompanied by a release team, made the nearly 12-hour road and river trip from our centre in Nyaru Menteng to the Bukit Baka Bukit Raya National Park (BBBRNP), where they were released at predetermined locations.

7 freed in East Kalimantan

In July, three male and four female orangutans made the 20-hour journey from Samboja Lestari and were reintroduced to the southern part of the Kehje Sewen Forest in East Kutai Regency. All are ready to live in the wild after completing a lengthy rehabilitation process through Forest School and pre-release stages.



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Your donations provide food, shelter, protection, medicine and companionship for orangutans in our care. Visit www.orangutans.com.au to help us help them.

Donations by cheque are payable to Borneo Orangutan Survival (BOS) Australia at PO Box 3916, Mosman NSW 2088.

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