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A word from our President



Huge thanks to all of our amazing OFI Australia supporters who have joined us for recent fundraising events.

Our Sydney City2Surf team had a great time participating in the race and raised over \$10,000 - a fantastic effort!! We plan to make this an annual fundraising event so we hope you'll join us next year!

We had an 'Abfab!' time at the Gold Coast charity screening of 'Absolutely Fabulous - The Movie' and were treated to a special personalised message to all OFI and orangutan supporters from Ms Joanna Lumley herself! [You can watch the video here.](#)

Finally, a group of Sydney TAFE students recently travelled to Borneo with OFI Australia Director Darek Figa and celebrated World Orangutan Day at Camp Leakey. Check out all the photos from these events on page 4 .

Your love makes the difference.

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Kobe Steele, President OFI Australia

P.S. The 2017 OFI Australia calendar will be available soon! Keep an eye on your inbox!

New orangutan tees!

OFI Australia has a gorgeous new T-shirt available! It is available in men's and ladies sizes and features a beautiful photo print taken by our friend and guide in Borneo, Bain.



We have plenty of other items including t-shirts, sarongs, kaftans and bandannas, as well as a huge range of cute and cuddly orangutan plush toys available for purchase. All the proceeds from merchandise sales help us in our fight to save orangutans so please visit our online store today!

News from the field



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Have you ever wondered what goes on at the OFI Care Centre and Quarantine? Read all about our boisterous bunch of juvenile orangutans in this article by OFI!

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Orangutan Legacy Forest 2016 Reforestation Appeal Update

Thank you to all of our supporters who donated to our Orangutan Legacy Forest 2016 Reforestation project. We are pleased to announce construction of the first herbarium nursery is complete! 15,000 seeds have already been planted, a great start to this vital reforestation project.

[Read the full update here](#)



OFI Australia joins the Australasian Responsible Palm Oil Network!

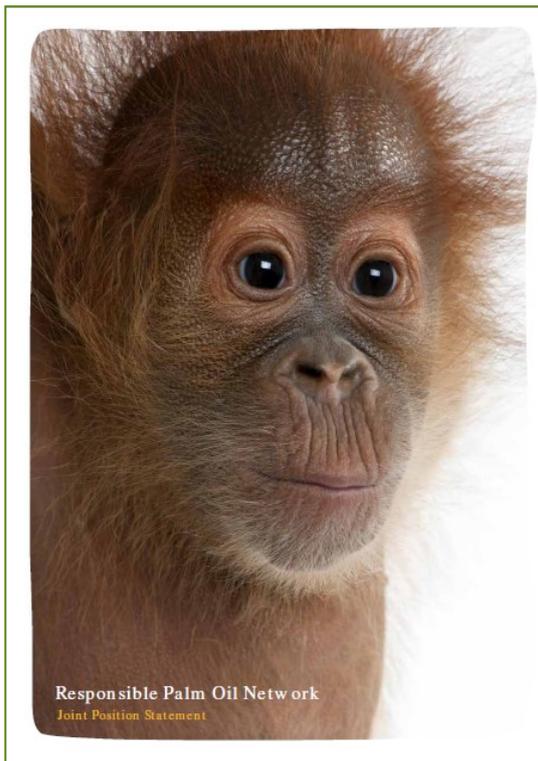
OFI Australia has proudly joined alongside 17 leading zoo-based conservation and wildlife organisations across Australia and New Zealand to urgently drive the transition to Certified Sustainable Palm Oil (CSPO) to protect the homes of endangered species like orangutans and tigers.

The Australasian Responsible Palm Oil Network was launched on International Orangutan Day, with the release of a Position Statement calling for urgent action from companies and consumers alike. Our aim is to mobilise the

community, work with Australasian manufacturers to move to 100% segregated certified sustainable Palm Oil use, introduce clear palm oil labelling and support the genuine achievements of companies who are leading the way in this field.

Orangutans are one of many species threatened by habitat loss driven by unsustainable palm oil, with the Bornean Orangutan recently joining their cousins, the Sumatran Orangutan on the list as Critically Endangered. Unsustainable palm oil production is the leading driver of deforestation in Indonesia and Malaysia, with global consumption of palm oil forecast to see up to 50 per cent further growth by 2050.

[View the Responsible Palm Oil Network position statement here](#)



Meet our gorgeous foster orangutan Mabel!



When Mabel first arrived at the OFI Care Centre she was just a tiny baby. Believed to have been kept as a pet, she was desperate for human affection and would cling to her caregivers at every opportunity.

Mabel's rehabilitation was always going to be a challenge for her caregivers. She needed to learn how to be an orangutan again; to make orangutan friends and master vital skills like foraging for food and nest building to ensure she is able to survive in the wild one day.

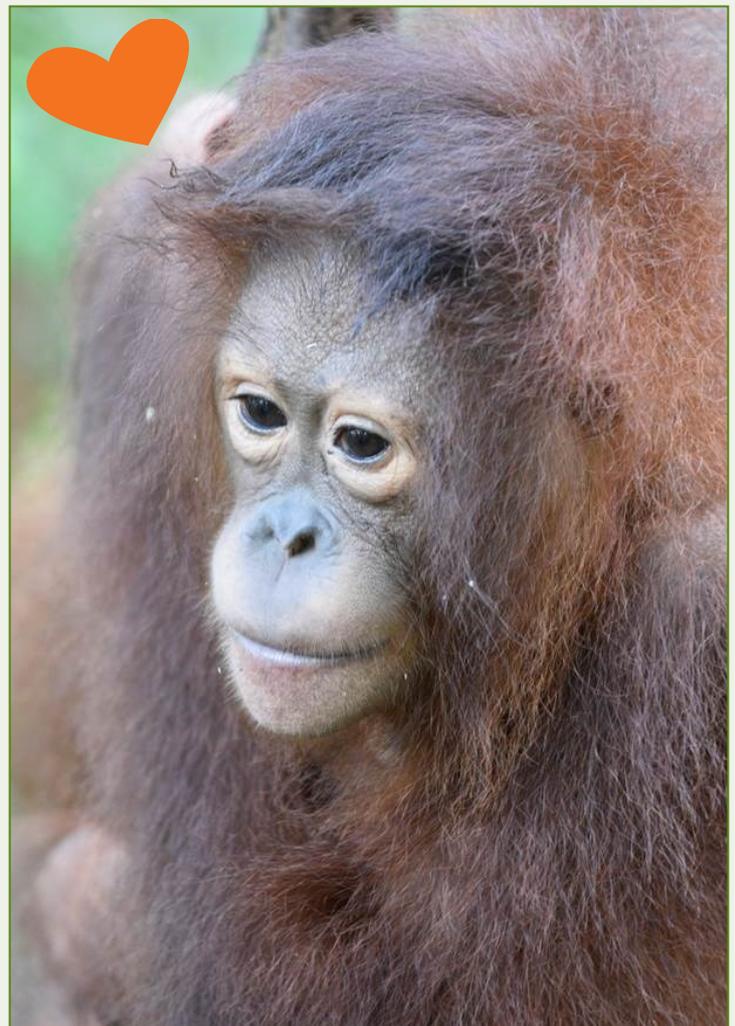
Mabel has thrived during her time at the Care Centre and her progress has been remarkable. No longer a small, skinny orangutan, sweet Mabel has gained weight and grown thick, lush hair that glistens in the sun, framing her sweet and pretty face.



Mabel has gained strength and her confidence when out in the forest has vastly improved. These days she can be seen enthusiastically climbing in the trees during her daily forest release time.

Mabel loves practicing her nest building techniques, which is an important skill that all orangutans need to learn before they go back to the wild. Mabel carefully weaves branches together, selecting the strongest ones to build her nest. Once her nest is completed, Mabel lays back and relaxes as the clouds sail overhead across the blue sky.

Mabel is a very sweet natured orangutan and is always gentle with her caregivers and orangutan peers. She has made many friends at the Care Centre and very much enjoys playing with her best friend Hoffman in the forest. Whilst she has gained confidence in the playground, Mabel still needs the reassurance of her caregivers and can often be found returning to them for a cuddle midway through playtime. This is often a strategic move on Mabel's part as she knows that her caregivers are often hiding treats in their pockets. She loves it when a sweet and juicy passionfruit is slipped to her for a snack.



Mabel has come a long way and we cannot wait to see what she achieves in the near future!



[Click here to become a foster parent to Mabel or one of our other gorgeous foster orangutans today](#)

Your love has made a difference!!

Huge love and thanks to our OFI Australia fundraising-friends who have held events and undertaken fundraising activities to raise much needed funds for OFI Australia. We truly appreciate your support!



Would you like to fundraise for OFI Australia? We are registered with [MyCause](#) and [Everyday Hero](#) to make it easy to set up your own event or join an existing community event. Please contact us if you need fundraising ideas!

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