

**2011 Good Gifts Guide:**  
Creating more meaningful gift-giving at Christmas

# Good Gifts



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Don't want to give yet another unwanted, unnecessary gift?

This year, give a good gift!

Use the Good Gifts Guide to help create more meaningful gift-giving this Christmas.

**THE GOOD GIFTS GUIDE** has been produced as part of GiveNow Week 2011 – November 28 to December 4:  
[www.givenowweek.com.au](http://www.givenowweek.com.au)

GiveNow Week takes place around Australia during December each year to focus attention on the many ways we can make a difference to the lives of others.

The holiday season has long been known as a time of giving – this year, make sure you join in the tradition of giving by joining in GiveNow Week.

GiveNow Week is an initiative of the Our Community Foundation, which also supports the GiveNow.com.au commission-free giving website.

GiveNow.com.au has been used by more than 83,000 individuals and corporates and has collected more than \$21 million in online donations for Australian community groups of all types and sizes.



## GiveNowWEEK

28 November - 4 December 2011

An initiative of:



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# Merchandise/General Gifts:

## Proceeds go to good causes

PSYCHOLOGISTS FOR PEACE have a range of educational and motivational posters (\$12) to help teach children how to peacefully solve problems. An educational *Wise Ways to Win* children's book (\$15) to teach children about conflict resolution is also available.

<http://groups.psychology.org.au/pfp/resources/educational/>

TUNES FOR CHANGE collects music from independent Australian artists and allows you to choose the price of your donation in exchange for an album. The latest CD, *Asylum*, is a compilation of music from the Cat Empire and their collection of musicians. 100% of donations will go to the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre.

<http://tunesforchange.org/>

ANIMALS AUSTRALIA has a gift shop selling t-shirts, natural soy candles, hampers, symbolic adoption plush toys, bags and books. All proceeds go directly to Animals Australia's campaigns to expose and fight animal cruelty. <https://animalsaustralia.qnetau.com/support/merchandise.php>

THE ENCOUNTER CENTRE is a South Australian community based charity where volunteers build, paint and sell wooden goods to raise money to run programs for the disabled. Items range from children's toys to bedside tables and CD racks, and can be ordered online.

<http://encountercentre.com.au/index.html>

AUTISM ADVISORY & SUPPORT SERVICE is a non-profit group that sells affordable sensory toys that can be enjoyed by all children, and many adults! Toys include liquid timers (\$6.50-\$8.50), puzzles (\$4-\$9), novelty toys (\$2-\$4) and more -

<http://aass.org.au/shop/>

PARKINSON'S NSW, an organisation providing counseling and support to people living with Parkinson's, is selling a range of t-shirts, stationery, hats and Christmas cards to raise funds for their services. Check out their site to purchase some merchandise, or to simply leave a donation!

<http://parkinsonsnsw.org.au/support-us/merchandise-catalogue/>



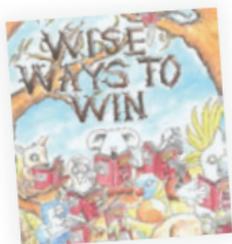
**Tunes for Change:**  
Asylum Album  
You decide the price  
(Min \$5 Suggested \$25)



**Animals Australia:**  
These delightful Bonvita Christmas themed figurines are smooth, creamy, decadent and dairy-free \$9



**Autism Advisory & Support Service:**  
Wooden Animal Push Puppet \$3 each



**Psychologists for Peace:** Wise Ways to Win Children's Book \$15

MIRABEL FOUNDATION have created some gorgeous gifts including t-shirts, books, tea towels and bags. The gift collection encapsulates Mirabel's belief in giving hope to children

[www.mirabelfoundation.org.au/retail-therapy](http://www.mirabelfoundation.org.au/retail-therapy)

PEOPLE AND PLANET have a diary (\$21.95) and calendar (\$24.95) that are published by a partnership of 49 not-for-profit, Australian social justice and environment organisations, and raise funds for the work of these organisations in promoting a just, sustainable world.

[www.peopleandplanet.org.au](http://www.peopleandplanet.org.au)

BLUEBIRD FOUNDATION INC works to overcome barriers that prevent children, youths and families from accessing quality arts programs. This Christmas they are selling a Whatem 2 CD (\$20), an album of music for children 5-12 years old who have outgrown kiddie bands but aren't ready for the themes of radio top tens. <http://bluebirdfoundationinc.org.au/shop/>

THE RED ROOM COMPANY sells unusual poetry by Australian writers to support their organisation. The Red Room Company has released the *2011 Unlocked Anthology* (\$10 plus postage), a collection of 30 poems written by staff and inmates from two NSW correctional facilities. To buy the *2011 Unlocked Anthology* visit the Red Room Company online store

<http://redroomcompany.org/goodies/>

SPINAL INJURIES ASSOCIATION is selling hand-drawn Australia Christmas cards (\$11.95 for a pack of 12) to raise funds for the continued support of staff who help to enhance the lives of people living with spinal injuries in Queensland. <http://spinal.com.au/how-to-help/buy-merchandise/>

ANIMAL AID sell a range of seasonal gifts, calendars, goodwill wines, picture frames, collars, leads and books. Caring for animals and encouraging people to be more active with their pets is the main Animal Aid goal. [www.animalaid.org.au](http://www.animalaid.org.au)

VILLA MARIA have a 2012 art calendar full of artwork by the people the organisation supports, as well as staff and volunteers, for just \$20. The desk calendar is \$12.

[www.villamaria.com.au/support-us/merchandise.html](http://www.villamaria.com.au/support-us/merchandise.html)



**Mirabel Foundation:**  
Christmas Treats Hamper  
\$89.95



**People and Planet:**  
2012 calendar \$24.95



**Bluebird Foundation:**  
Whatem 2 CD \$24.95



**Animal Aid:**  
Woof Photo Frame \$15



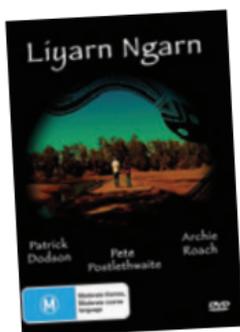
**Villa Maria:**  
Desk Calendar \$12



**RSPCA:**  
RSPCA Neoprene Shopper  
**\$29.95**



**Mater Foundation:**  
Miracle MaX pirate plush  
toy 14cm **\$10**



**ANTar:** Liyarn Ngarn DVD.  
Compelling documentary  
of the devastation and  
inhumanity brought upon  
Indigenous people **\$25**



**Orphfund**  
100% Cotton Scarf **\$22**

THE RSPCA is selling its wildly popular Christmas cards (\$5.95), traditional puddings (\$39), diaries (\$24.95) and plenty of other gift items this Christmas. By purchasing gifts from the RSPCA you will be supporting their protection of all creatures, great and small. Besides, who doesn't like gifts covered in pictures of puppies or kittens at Christmas!  
**<http://shop.rspcavic.org.au/t-hometopintro.aspx>**

MATER FOUNDATION sell Little Miracles merchandise that support babies and children at Mater hospitals in Brisbane. Also available is the book Mercy, Mater & Me that tells the story of Sister Angela Mary who is living proof that quiet determination, education and kindness go hand-in-hand on the road to success.

**[www.materfoundation.org.au/shop.aspx](http://www.materfoundation.org.au/shop.aspx)**

CHICKS IN PINK sell "feel good" fashion that promotes and supports breast cancer awareness, with funds raised directed to breast cancer care and research at Mater Medical Research Institute.

**[www.chicksinpink.com//shop/index.cfm?](http://www.chicksinpink.com//shop/index.cfm?)**

DCH ANIMAL ADOPTIONS offer 2012 Wall Calendars for \$15 – featuring rescued dogs, cats and horses. There are also pet bowls, frisbees and many other items, with all proceeds going towards animal rescue work.  
**[www.dchanimaladoptions.com.au/](http://www.dchanimaladoptions.com.au/)**

FARESHARE provides free nutritious meals to the homeless using donated food not needed by markets, caterers and retailers. FareShare aprons are \$25.00.

**[www.fareshare.org.au/support.php?WEBYEP\\_DI=6](http://www.fareshare.org.au/support.php?WEBYEP_DI=6)**

ANTar produces cards where the sale of the cards financially supports ANTAr and a particular community of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander artists. Documentary DVDs also available. **[www.antar.org.au/shop](http://www.antar.org.au/shop)**

BIBULMUN TRACK FOUNDATION has walking guides, day packs, drink bottles and sun hats to support the foundation's work to sustain the much-loved walking trail.  
**[www.bibbulmuntrack.org.au/Products.aspx](http://www.bibbulmuntrack.org.au/Products.aspx)**

ORPHFUND has a unique range of products available for Christmas presents, including stunning photo blocks, sock toys and wine.  
**[www.orphfund.org/store](http://www.orphfund.org/store)**

BLESSED-LIFE is selling a range of cute handmade toys, scarves, bowls, bags and more. By purchasing these items you are directly contributing to the empowerment of women through increasing the demand for their fairly traded products and enabling them to have a secure income.

[www.blessed-life.com/estore](http://www.blessed-life.com/estore)

ANIMAL LIBERATION QLD are selling a large range of t-shirts, badges, stickers and toys. All funds raised go towards campaigns to get a better deal for animals:

[www.animalliberationqld.org.au/Compassionate\\_Shopping.htm](http://www.animalliberationqld.org.au/Compassionate_Shopping.htm)

THE LOST DOGS HOME is encouraging people to adopt an animal, donate pet food to the home or purchase cards, notepads, bumper stickers and more from their online store. <http://shop.dogshome.com>

THE MCGRATH FOUNDATION has a very wide variety of pink pressies for you to give to family or friends (or even yourself!) The foundation supports breast care nurses in communities across Australia and helps increase breast awareness in young women. From pink Puma cricket bats (\$300) to pink Ugg boots (\$142) to a simple lapel pin (\$11), there's something for everybody in the online store [www.mcgrathfoundation.com.au/catalog/](http://www.mcgrathfoundation.com.au/catalog/)

CYSTIC FIBROSIS WA is serving up their Masters of Menu recipe book this Christmas. The book contains recipes collected from some of Perth's top restaurants and cafes. Funds raised will go towards health services for people and families living with Cystic Fibrosis in Western Australia.

<http://cysticfibrosis.org.au/viewproduct>

ASSISTANCE DOGS AUSTRALIA raise and train Labradors and Golden Retrievers as service or companion dogs to people in wheelchairs or living with disabilities. To support them you can purchase a packet of their Christmas cards for \$15 or sponsor a puppy for \$20. Visit the giftshop at <http://assistancedogs.org.au/category>

THE BIG ISSUE - Give a yearly subscription to *The Big Issue* magazine for \$155 and you'll be providing homeless and disadvantaged women with paid work in a safe, secure and rewarding environment.

[www.isubscribe.com.au/bigissue/](http://www.isubscribe.com.au/bigissue/)



**Blessed-Life:**  
Felt Flower Bag \$25



**Animal Liberation QLD:**  
"Wear your own damn fur"  
t-shirt \$28



**The McGrath Foundation:**  
Puma Calibre Reserve  
McGrath Foundation  
Cricket Bat \$300



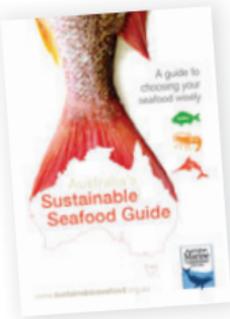
**The Big Issue** 12 months/  
25 issues \$155



**Glaucoma Australia:**  
Goldie - Owl 19cm \$17



**AUSEE:**  
Unfold this cute little strawberry to pull out a full size reusable tote bag. \$4



**Australian Marine Conservation Society:**  
Australia's Sustainable Seafood Guide \$9.95



**St John Ambulance Australia:** Small Leisure First Aid Kit in Nylon Carry Pouch \$49.95

GLAUCOMA AUSTRALIA has a selection of unique Christmas cards and merchandise for sale this year. Sales of all items will go towards supporting glaucoma awareness and education programs in the community. Merchandise includes Goldie the Owl (\$17), the mascot for glaucoma awareness.

<http://www.glaucoma.org.au/shop.asp>

AUSEE supports patients and families living with Eosinophilic Gastrointestinal Disorder (EGID). The charity will be selling gifts through its online gift store this holiday season, where you can find a pack of tote bags (\$10) or *Meet Arabella*, a children's book (\$10). <http://ausee.org/apps/webstore/>

ST JOHN AMBULANCE AUSTRALIA stocks a wide range of first aid kits for the home, the office or for more adventurous pursuits, making it easier than ever to find the perfect gift for that person who has everything! Contact 1300 360 455 or visit the website. [www.stjohn.org.au](http://www.stjohn.org.au)

AUSTRALIAN MARINE CONSERVATION SOCIETY (AMCS) The organisation sells *Australia's Sustainable Seafood Guide* as well as a range of marine-themed merchandise including 2012 calendars, jewellery, t-shirts, key rings and art at its online store: [www.amcs.org.au/Product.asp?active\\_page\\_id=57](http://www.amcs.org.au/Product.asp?active_page_id=57)

ENGINEERS WITHOUT BORDERS AUSTRALIA (EWB): EWB work with disadvantaged communities to improve their quality of life through education and the implementation of sustainable engineering projects. Their gift shop sells Keep Cups, t-shirts, indigenous prints, books, cards and more. [www.ewb.org.au/shop/](http://www.ewb.org.au/shop/)

SOUTHERN COMMUNITY WELFARE is raising funds this Christmas through the sales of three children's books (\$14.95 each) designed to assist children in managing anxiety. All profits will go towards supporting Southern Community Welfare's programs. [www.scw.org.au/store.aspx](http://www.scw.org.au/store.aspx)

KIDS PLUS FOUNDATION provides intensive therapy to babies and children with cerebral palsy and brain injury. Local children have designed four Christmas cards which the foundation is selling to raise funds for its efforts. \$10 for a pack of 12 cards. [www.kidsplus.org.au/gift-shop](http://www.kidsplus.org.au/gift-shop)

THE SOUTH EAST NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE (SENC) provides a wide variety of services to people living in the south-eastern suburbs of Sydney. The SENC has compiled a community cookbook named *The Neighbourhood Table* (\$25), available from its Sydney office, or through the online 'contact us' section - <http://senc.org.au/latest-news/senc-cookbook-launched>

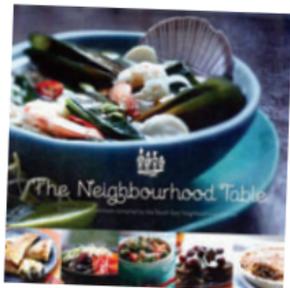
WILLAURA & DISTRICT KINDERGARTEN is a small rural kindergarten in Victoria's Western District. This Christmas they are selling a cookbook containing 300 tried and tested recipes submitted by local families. To order the *Willaura & District Kindergarten Cookbook* (\$30 inc p&h), email: [amanda@greenvalefarm.com.au](mailto:amanda@greenvalefarm.com.au)

WILDLIFE RESCUE SOUTH COAST is selling a 2012 calendar for \$10. The calendar features 12 colour pictures of animals that have come into Wildlife's care. Profits will help rescue, rehabilitate and release animals that have been injured, orphaned or are sick. <http://wildlife-rescue.org.au/WR-Calendar2012.htm>

AGNEW SCHOOL is a school in Queensland. Parents and friends of the school donated their time to help create *Flood Horror and Tragedy*, a hardcover book (\$49.95) of photographs and first-hand accounts of the 2010/2011 Queensland floods which took the lives of 40 people. 100% of publisher profits will go towards the Red Cross and other charities assisting in the continuing rebuilding of flood-affected Queensland. <http://floodhorrorandtragedy.com.au/>

KOMMERCIAL KITCHEN provides employment for people living with disability. This Christmas they have launched a new gourmet range of hampers (\$50, \$70 and \$90) which include chutneys, jams, relishes and a host of other snacks. All profits go towards continuing their support of the disabled. <http://www.kommerci.org.au/>

WILDLIFE VICTORIA are offering the official Wildlife Victoria 2011 calendar, Christmas cards, t-shirts and goodwill wines. Buy the perfect Christmas present to show your support for the life saving work the organisation's dedicated volunteers do each day to rescue and rehabilitate our wildlife. [www.wildlifevictoria.org.au/merchandise.html](http://www.wildlifevictoria.org.au/merchandise.html)



**The South-East Neighbourhood Centre:**  
The Neighbourhood Table Cookbook \$25



**Wildlife Rescue South Coast:** 2012 Calendar \$10



**AGNEW School:**  
Flood, Horror & Tragedy Hardcover Book \$49.95



**Kommerci Kitchen**  
Gourmet Hamper \$50



**Wildlife Victoria:**  
Assorted wines from \$11.25



**YWCA Australia:**  
Timor Leste Diary \$20



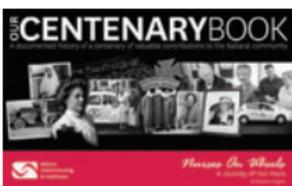
**Southern Community Welfare:** Great tactile toy. When you feel anxious, give him a squeeze or stretch him out \$4.95 each



**Fitzroy Learning Network:**  
Tastes from Home Recipe Book \$12.95



**The Animal Welfare League of QLD:** Sweet heart mouse and ball \$6.78



**Ballarat District Nursing and Healthcare:** Nurses on Wheels book \$50

YWCA AUSTRALIA is supporting the establishment of the first YWCA group in Timor-Leste. The YWCA, a global movement of women supporting social and economic change, is selling A5-sized Timor-Leste diaries (\$20), to help establish the YWCA in Timor-Leste, where it will provide young women's leadership services and programs. To order contact [timordiaries@ywca.org.au](mailto:timordiaries@ywca.org.au)

FITZROY LEARNING NETWORK assists newly arrived refugees and migrants through support and education. This Christmas they are offering a *Tastes from Home* recipe book (\$12.95), which contains a collection of recipes from students and staff at the Learning Network.

<http://fitzroylearningnetwork.org.au/Resources.html>

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<http://www.kidsplus.org.au/gift-shop>

PARTNER'S RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT work with children and communities in Burma's war zones, and in refugee camps and migrant communities along the Thai-Burma border. An array of weaving, publications and clothing is available.

<http://partnersworld.org.au/>

SOUTHERN COMMUNITY WELFARE provide resources for supporting children and families through anxious moments. Books, CDs and toys are available.

<http://www.ourcommunity.com.au/files/anxiety-resource.pdf>

THE ANIMAL WELFARE LEAGUE OF QLD takes care of approximately 10,000 stray and abandoned animals annually from South East Queensland. They sell toys for pets, collars and leads and Christmas cards.

[www.awlqld.com.au/awl-online-store/](http://www.awlqld.com.au/awl-online-store/)

BALLARAT DISTRICT NURSING AND HEALTHCARE is selling full colour hardcover copies of *Nurses on Wheels: a journey of 100 years*. The book (\$50 inc p&h) is a documented history of the century of valuable contributions to the Ballarat region made by these district nurses. Order a copy by calling (03) 5334 1500.

# Community Development Gifts:

Give a unique gift on behalf of your loved ones to causes you know they would support

## OXFAM

Buy a buffalo, build a boat or purchase some manure for your friends! Donations help support the Oxfam programs that your gift represents, and you'll get to give a card to the recipient explaining how their special gift is helping others. Go to [www.oxfamunwrapped.com.au](http://www.oxfamunwrapped.com.au)

FRIENDS OF THE EARTH AUSTRALIA is asking for \$15 donations to send books to underprivileged communities in Nepal and Indigenous Australia. For your donations you will receive a colourful bookmark outlining the program, which also has space for a note to be written if you give the donation as a gift. <http://foe.org.au/shop/>

## BOOTS FOR ALL

For just \$5 you can help Boots for All get a pair of footy boots to a disadvantaged child or adult across Australia to ensure they don't miss out on playing footy. [www.bootsforall.org.au](http://www.bootsforall.org.au)

## SWAGS FOR HOMELESS

Swags for Homeless aims to provide one swag for every rough sleeping homeless man, woman and child in Australia. Help them achieve this by buying a backpack bed, blankets or toothbrushes for a homeless person this Christmas.

[www.charity.org.au/c/256226/1/buy-for-homeless.html](http://www.charity.org.au/c/256226/1/buy-for-homeless.html)

## ALOLA AUSTRALIA

Buy an Alola Christmas Gift Certificate and for \$25 support their maternal and child health program, for \$50 provide tools, materials and support to Timorese women, or for \$75 sponsor a young Timorese student's education for 12 months.

[www.alolafoundation.org/general.php?pageID=51](http://www.alolafoundation.org/general.php?pageID=51)

## TEAR AUSTRALIA

Buy a toilet for a friend in Toowoomba and transform the health of a family in Tanzania. With TEAR's Useful Gift Catalogue, we're all connected: it's six degrees of sanitation. [www.usefulgifts.org](http://www.usefulgifts.org)



**TEAR Australia**  
Help Stop Human  
Trafficking \$20



**TEAR Australia**  
Provide a kitchen garden  
\$29



**TEAR Australia**  
Fund Adult Literacy  
Lessons \$35

WORLD VISION AUSTRALIA. Buy a cow for \$265, or maybe train a teacher in a poor community for \$125, or you could even donate a repellent-treated mosquito net to fend off the risk of malaria for just \$15. World Vision offers a large catalogue of gifts that will change the lives of children, families and communities that need it most. Visit their online gifts store at <http://trans.worldvision.com.au/Gifts/GiftCatalogue/>

PARTNERS RELIEF AND DEVELOPMENT AUSTRALIA help children and communities made vulnerable by war. Give \$50 to provide enough food and supplies to keep a family of five displaced people in Burma's jungles alive for a month. [www.partnersworld.org.au](http://www.partnersworld.org.au)

INTERNATIONAL NEPAL FELLOWSHIP helps Nepali people through development and health work. \$9 will provide toys for a disabled child, \$109 will provide materials to build a toilet, and \$373 will provide artificial legs for somebody missing one, or both legs.

<http://secure.inf.org/gifts/aud/>

BAHAY TULUYAN provides services and programs that aim to prevent and respond to the abuse of children in the Philippines. Philippine children and their communities create jewelry and other products from recycled magazines and other materials. <http://bahaytuluyan.org>



**World Vision:**  
Supplementary vitamins for children \$15



**World Vision:**  
Support sports and recreation in poor communities. \$35



**Oxfam:**  
High-quality fruit tree seeds, so farmers in East Timor can increase their crop yields \$10



**Oxfam:**  
A small loan to help Sri Lankan women start a small business such as brick-making or tailoring \$14



**Oxfam:**  
This card will help pay for a women's crisis centre in Papua New Guinea \$25



**Friends of the Earth**  
Simply donate \$15 and a book will be donated on your behalf. Books will be delivered through Blessed Life and the Indigenous Literacy Project \$15

# Give a Gift to the Planet:

## Gifts that benefit environmental causes

GREENFLEET offers an opportunity to offset your carbon pollution this Christmas. Simply buy their \$60 vehicle offset gift certificate and they will plant 17 native Australian trees, enough to offset an average vehicle's emission for a year. [http://greenfleet.com.au/Offset\\_emissions](http://greenfleet.com.au/Offset_emissions)

### DOLPHIN RESEARCH INSTITUTE

Adopt-A-Dolphin as a gift for your loved one for \$98. This gift will help the institute introduce and enforce new laws to protect dolphins and to provide nearly 37 opportunities for young scientists.

[www.dolphinresearch.org.au/adopt.php](http://www.dolphinresearch.org.au/adopt.php)

HUMANE SOCIETY INTERNATIONAL is selling humane gifts from \$25 to \$1000. This Christmas you can give your family or friends a personalised gift card with information about the cause you've donated to in their name, whether it be \$40 to protect Indonesian Orangutans, or \$500 to help create habitat for the critically endangered Bali Starling.

[hsi.org.au/shop/](http://hsi.org.au/shop/)

SUSTAINABLE GARDENING AUSTRALIA (SGA) is a nonprofit organisation dedicated to changing the way we use our front and back yards, by improving our understanding of sustainable gardening. This Christmas grab a two-disc copy of *Footprint Flicks*, a DVD created by the SGA being sold for \$24.95 in their online shop

[www.sgaonline.org.au/](http://www.sgaonline.org.au/)

JANE GOODALL INSTITUTE raises funds for the conservation of rainforests and animals through its list of good gifts. While supporting the Institute you can also spoil yourself with African paper beads (\$20), Goodwill wines (\$10-\$20 per bottle) or one of a selection of books.

[www.janegoodall.org.au/store](http://www.janegoodall.org.au/store)

ENGINEERS WITHOUT BORDERS AUSTRALIA (EWB) is offering a slab for \$30. But this isn't a slab of cold beer, this is a slab of concrete, which will help build the foundations of a renewable energy source in a remote village in South Asia. The EWB works with developing communities in Australia, South Asia and South-East Asia, where it helps to improve their quality of life through education and sustainable engineering projects.

[www.givenow.com.au/ewb](http://www.givenow.com.au/ewb)

KUMBARTCHO SANCTUARY is offering native plant vouchers for \$10, \$20 or \$50. The Sanctuary, based in Brisbane, grows and sells native Australian flora which have been produced by volunteers to keep the prices as low as possible. [www.kumbartcho.org.au/](http://www.kumbartcho.org.au/)



### Humane Society International - Gorilla Rescue

Too many gorillas have been brutally killed in an ongoing civil war struggle, and HSI partners in the Congo have helped stabilised the situation. Help fund armed patrols for a week in Virunga National Park, in the Democratic Republic of Congo, to protect these amazing endangered animals. **\$150**

RAINFOREST RESCUE has a range of gift ideas that will keep on giving. You can buy back part of the Daintree rainforest, or help to protect the endangered Cassowaries of Mission Beach. Each of the gift ideas from Rainforest Rescue do exactly what you'd expect; they help to save rainforests. <http://rainforestrescue.org.au/shop/index.html>

#### MARINE DISCOVERY CENTRE

Six storybooks have been developed through real-life experiences of creatures living in the Discovery Centre aquaria. Marine posters also available. [www.marinediscoverycentre.com.au/Marine\\_Discovery/forsale/ForSale.html](http://www.marinediscoverycentre.com.au/Marine_Discovery/forsale/ForSale.html)

WIRES is the largest wildlife rescue organisation in Australia and is selling Christmas cards for \$12 per 10 pack and 2011 calendars for \$16. All funds are used to rehabilitate and preserve Australian wildlife and inspire others to do the same.

[www.wires.org.au](http://www.wires.org.au)

#### WILDLIFE PRESERVATION SOCIETY OF QLD

Adopt a Quoll for a special someone as a Christmas present. Funds raised go towards conservation of and research into the endangered quoll.

[www.wildlife.org.au/support/adoptaquoll.html](http://www.wildlife.org.au/support/adoptaquoll.html)

#### GREENPEACE

The Greenpeace giftshop is packed with remarkable presents that can help change the world. By giving a special gift from our catalogue, you are giving someone the power to make a difference. Release a turtle from a fishnet for \$50 or protect one paradise forest tree for \$30.

[www.greenpeacegiving.org.au](http://www.greenpeacegiving.org.au)

#### WORLD WIDE FUND FOR NATURE

Adopt a tiger, turtle, panda or orangutan for a friend or family member to help WWF protect these species. Adoptions include a cuddly toy and adoption papers <http://onlineshop.wwf.org.au/adopt-an-animal.html>

#### WETLANDCARE AUSTRALIA (WCA)

Are selling beautiful cards featuring winning art and photography from the WetlandCare Australia National Art Competition 2009. All proceeds from card sales enable WCA to protect and restore wetlands throughout Australia, so your purchases help keep wetlands alive.

[www.wetlandcare.com.au/shop/default.asp](http://www.wetlandcare.com.au/shop/default.asp)



#### WWF Animal Adoption

##### - Black Rhino adoption

Your adoption of the Black Rhino supports WWF's conservation programs to protect threatened species and their habitats. **\$50**



#### Rainforest Recue -

##### Daintree buy back and protect forever gift cards

Every \$25 will buy back and protect 5m<sup>2</sup> of the daintree rainforest. **\$25-\$1000**



#### Greenpeace - Prevent

##### Climate Change

This gift will help Greenpeace programs including the climate campaign to promote solutions essential for a clean energy future. **\$20**

# Sponsorship and Support:

## Cash gifts to good causes

STREETSMART has a Christmas gift program aimed at assisting women and children who are made homeless through domestic violence. Help buy books/educational supplies, fund art therapy for young children or fill a 'welcome pack' at a refuge with essential items and some hope.

[www.givenow.com.au/streetsmartaustralia](http://www.givenow.com.au/streetsmartaustralia)

### HUTT STREET CENTRE

Give the gift of a meal – \$350 provides breakfast and lunch to 200 homeless people, give the gift of warmth – \$50 will provide a swag for someone sleeping rough, or help put a gift under the tree for every person who seeks the organisation's care this Christmas with a gift amount of your choice. [www.huttstcentre.org.au](http://www.huttstcentre.org.au)

### THE ARROW BONE MARROW TRANSPLANT FOUNDATION

\$100 will help women undergoing chemotherapy treatment access a wig for the term of their treatment, which often helps alleviate much of the stress that accompanies the hair loss that the treatment results in.

Give to the Arrow Bone Marrow Transplant Foundation at

[www.arrow.org.au/donate\\_01.htm](http://www.arrow.org.au/donate_01.htm)

ASSISTANCE DOGS AUSTRALIA donors who subscribe to the Sponsor a Super Puppy program are assigned to a litter of pups to support. Support ranges from as little as \$20 per month (Guardian) to more than \$60 per month (Gold). [www.assistedogs.org.au/sponsor.php](http://www.assistedogs.org.au/sponsor.php)

GALLIPOLI MEDICAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION allows you to sponsor the development of a personalised vaccine for a cancer patient for \$5000; purchasers are listed on the Honour Board in Greenslopes Private Hospital. [www.givenow.com.au/gallipoliresearchfoundation](http://www.givenow.com.au/gallipoliresearchfoundation)

### CARITAS AUSTRALIA

There are nine wonderful Global Gifts available. Choose from Clean Water, a Healthy Meal, Education, Emergency Relief, Safe Childbirth, Sustainable Agriculture, a Sustainable Future, Trauma Counselling, or Treatment for HIV/AIDS.. [www.caritas.org.au/globalgifts](http://www.caritas.org.au/globalgifts)



#### Building BetterLives - Newspaper Subscription:

Young people with disabilities also like to be kept informed. You can purchase a daily newspaper gift subscription for 4 weeks by choosing this item **\$34**



#### Ardoch Foundation:

Breakfast for a year for one disadvantaged child **\$250**



#### Hutt Street Centre:

Provide a "park to home" starter pack **\$100**



#### Hutt Street Centre:

Provide breakfast and lunch for 200 people **\$350**

## BENDIGO ANIMAL WELFARE AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

“Buy a Brick” this Christmas and help Bendigo Animal Welfare and Community Services build their new animal shelter. Bricks cost from \$10 and include an engraved plaque that can be in honour of or memory of a family member or pet. [www.bawcs.org.au](http://www.bawcs.org.au)

## SAVE-A-DOG SCHEME

Help a rescued cat or dog by contributing towards their vet bills. Donate full or part-vet costs and dedicate your donation to someone special. [www.saveadog.org.au/help/special\\_needs.asp](http://www.saveadog.org.au/help/special_needs.asp)

## EDGAR'S MISSION

Sponsor a rescued farm animal through the Best Buddy Program for a loved one. You will receive a welcome pack and quarterly email updates about your buddy at Edgar's Mission. Your animal buddy can be visited at Edgar's Mission any time. [www.edgarsmission.org.au/BestBuddy.htm](http://www.edgarsmission.org.au/BestBuddy.htm)

BUILDING BETTER LIVES helps move young people with disabilities out of aged care and into supported housing that is more suitable for their age. This Christmas you can help build a better life by donating to the charity in the form of a one-off donation, or buy a “housewarming gift” (anything from a jigsaw puzzle, \$28, to a new sofa, \$650) at

<http://buildingbetterlives.org.au/gift-shop/>

ARID RECOVERY operates a reserve in the South Australian arid zone where they have created 60 square kilometers of protected land. Arid Recovery uses this land to reintroduce heavily endangered wildlife such as the Borrowing Bettong, Greater Stick-Nest Rat, Greater Bilby and Western Barred Bandicoot. All funds raised go towards monitoring studies for the animals as well as further release programs. This Christmas you can ‘adopt’ one of these four endangered creatures (\$25-\$60) from [www.aridrecovery.org.au/adoption-options](http://www.aridrecovery.org.au/adoption-options)

STRIDE works with the most disadvantaged communities across Australia, with a focus on increasing the mental health and wellbeing of all young people. For \$30 you can donate a session of guitar tutoring, giving a young person an opportunity they would not otherwise enjoy. [www.givenow.com.au/stridefoundation](http://www.givenow.com.au/stridefoundation)

ARDOCH YOUTH FOUNDATION has a catalogue of gifts for disadvantaged youths. Small donations can provide a child with breakfast for an entire year (\$200), a new backpack full of school supplies (\$50) or even swimming lessons for 10 children (\$500). [www.ardoch.asn.au](http://www.ardoch.asn.au)

TEDDY LOVE CLUB pregnancy and infant loss support sells their signature ‘Ruby’ teddy bear (\$20) which can be kept, given as a present, or donated back to TLC to be handed to a family suffering the recent loss of a child. <http://www.butterfliesforbabies.org.au/pages.php?pageid=4>

GOOD RETURN helps disadvantaged families in the Asia Pacific by providing women with small loans which they can use to start or build a business. The loan can be donated to Good Return, or can be withdrawn once it has been repaid by the recipient.

<http://goodreturn.org/lend/Lend>



### Edgars Mission: Sponsor Hope the Pig

Help Edgars Mission to feed and provide veterinary treatment for your sponsored animal buddy and their friends for one year (and ensure that they can all have lots of Weet-Bix treats!). **\$45**

# Give Money:



## GIVENOW.COM.AU

More than 2000 great causes are listed on this secure site. Browse for a cause your loved one will love – by location or interest area. A notification email will be sent to the recipient to inform them of the gift made in their name.

[www.givenow.com.au](http://www.givenow.com.au)

# Other Good Gift Ideas:

## TOYS FOR DISTRIBUTION TO THOSE IN NEED

Variety is hosting a toy appeal with all toys going to SHINE for Kids (making Christmas a happier time for children whose parent/s are incarcerated.)

[www.simplygiving.com.au/variety](http://www.simplygiving.com.au/variety)



## DONATE BLOOD

Give the gift of life by donating blood.

[www.donateblood.com.au](http://www.donateblood.com.au)

## BECOME AN ORGAN DONOR

Sign up to save a life. Find out how at

[www.givenow.com.au/otherways/organdonor](http://www.givenow.com.au/otherways/organdonor)

## VOLUNTEER YOUR TIME

Many community groups need an extra hand around the holiday period delivering hampers, preparing meals etc. Find out more about volunteering at [www.givenow.com.au/otherways/time](http://www.givenow.com.au/otherways/time)

## GIVE SHARES

ShareGift Australia can help people put their small parcels of shares to good use by converting them into donations for good causes in Australia. For more information go to [www.sharegiftaustralia.org.au](http://www.sharegiftaustralia.org.au)



## GIFT WRAPPING

Myer gift wrapping services raise funds for Vision Australia

## GIVE BLANKETS, CLOTHES, FURNITURE, LAND, COMPUTERS, BIKES, MOBILE PHONES, CORKS

[www.givenow.com.au/otherways](http://www.givenow.com.au/otherways)



## ADOPT AN ANIMAL

Every year thousands of loving pets are neglected, dumped and abandoned. The lucky ones end up at animal shelters that provide them with the food, love and veterinary attention they need to get back on their feet. Adopting is a wonderful way to give that animal a new life in a loving family.

[www.givenow.com.au/otherways/adoptapet](http://www.givenow.com.au/otherways/adoptapet)