



Media Release

Adopt A Frog

The Cairns Frog Hospital, the only one of its kind in Australia, needs help!

You can help by becoming part of the ADOPT A FROG programme. For \$5.00, you will receive an A4 foldable card for the fridge, desktop or window ledge. YOU can “adopt” one two or ten frogs, whatever your budget allows.

The ADOPT A FROG card is ideal for schools and families, and contains valuable information on how to make your yard frog friendly, and how to handle any distressed frogs you may discover.

Since 1998, The Frog Hospital has received over 2,000 sick and injured frogs. Many have been cared for and then released successfully back into the wild. Many of the conditions these frogs have, however, are new and haven't been seen in Australian frogs before.

“We have been trying to identify each new problem and learn if it can be treated and how, so that others can use this knowledge to help their own region's frogs” said Deborah Pergolotti, the Curator of The Cairns Frog Hospital.

“Much of the work we do is expensive to carry out and the small amount of funding we received from the Commonwealth Government has just expired”.

The Cairns Frog Hospital is currently involved in a major research project with the C.S.I.R.O., James Cook University and The Registry of Wildlife Pathology to investigate the new diseases. Unfortunately, the funding they received as a participant in that project could not be used to cover the care or recovery of any frog being returned to the wild.

The Frog Hospital's parent organization (Frog Decline Reversal Project Inc) is a tax deductible, membership organization. A year's regular membership costs \$35

(family and concession rates are available) and members receive a satchel with various frog information and stationery items.

There are four levels of Business Sponsorships starting from \$300 per year through to major sponsors contributing more than \$4,000 per year.

All business sponsors get a certificate to display on their wall and recognition on the website.

To ADOPT A FROG, send a stamped, self addressed envelope with your \$5.00 donation to

The Adopt A Frog Campaign
PO Box 1207
Earlville QLD 4870

Or you can visit the following shops to pick up your desk card:

The Green House Environment Shop, 55 Spence Street, Cairns
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