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UNIQUE BUSINESSES

Breeding butterflies sounds like a unique hobby, however we discovered that there is a group of people who've made it their business. *Butterfly Releases* is an Australian business that cultivates Monarch (also known as Wanderer) butterflies for special occasions like weddings, christenings and memorials.

Monarchs have a vibrant golden orange and black; they are native to all areas of Australia so after the release they will happily continue their lifecycle. The Monarch butterfly is also the longest living butterfly; they will live for several months, helping to replenish the depleting butterfly population. The Monarch butterfly is also a very graceful flying butterfly that is not afraid of humans, therefore upon release they tend to delicately float amongst family and friends, quite often coming to rest on close-by people and flowers before continuing on their way. Being so large and beautiful they make for a spectacular release.

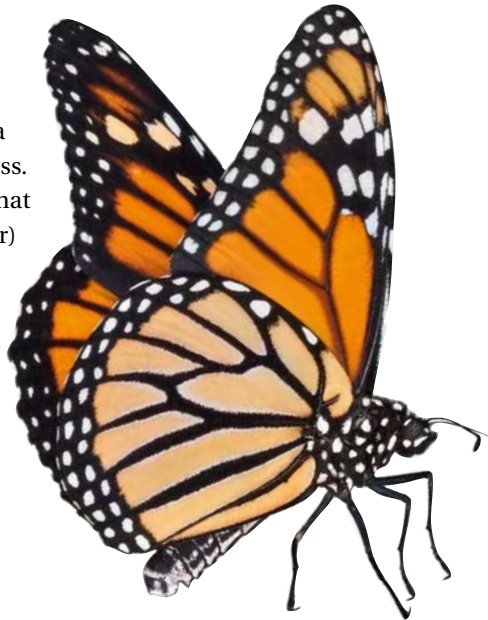
Butterfly Releases breed their butterflies on their farm and all butterflies are bred in natural conditions. They have special breeding enclosures to protect the caterpillars from predators and disease. Monarch caterpillars eat 'Milkweed' or 'Swan plant' that is grown on the farm.

As all butterflies start their lifecycle as a caterpillar a big part of looking after the daily running of the farm is ensuring all our caterpillars are happy. As we are taught as children - "the very hungry caterpillar" is true! The main activity of a caterpillar is to eat, so it is important that sufficient food is provided for all the caterpillars at all times. It is also a daily task to ensure that all the breeding and growing areas of the farm are clean and fresh, otherwise the caterpillars can get sick. The actual breeding of the butterflies is just one aspect of their business. We then have the office and customer service aspects to take care of - ranging from customer enquires through to processing and tracking new orders through to actually delivering the butterflies to our customers on their special day.

All butterflies are cold blooded and so the packaging for them has been designed with their welfare in mind. Their special packaging keeps the butterflies cool and in a dark environment so the butterflies remain in a state of natural hibernation until their ready to be released. Availability is also seasonal and butterflies are not available over the colder, winter months and so *Butterfly Releases* don't breed during this time.

The company stipulate that all butterflies are to be released outdoors and during daylight hours so to ensure their wellbeing and to facilitate their natural lifecycle.

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SCULPTURE BY TEANGI

Teangi Chambers has a passion for animals and nature. This shows in her gorgeous metal sculptures which provide something a little bit different to any area. Some of Teangi's works are bright and whimsical; some show the tortured effects that the Australian climate can impose. In any case Teangi's sculptures always bring a smile to anyone's face!

Teangi uses sheet steel to create her designs and is now embarking on a unique 'I can sculpt your pet' project. Dogs, cats, birds, large, small, pretty and unique, some living, some no longer with their owners... all very loved, all immortalised in metal.

Each dog sculpture is made from images supplied by the pet owner so that each individual pet's characteristics and markings can be shown on the sculpture. These sculptures are suitable for indoors or outdoors. Teangi resides and creates her work just outside of Sydney although her work is available nationally.

For more information on Sculpture by Teangi visit her website at www.sculpturebyteangi.com.au or www.facebook.com/teangismetalsculptures

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