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Rhino Keeper Association

Logo Competition Winner



The Rhino Keeper Association would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation to all of the wonderful artists that submitted artwork for the logo competition. All votes were submitted and tallied by our contest chairperson Jane Kennedy! We are very excited to unveil our official RKA logo designed by Cathy Lester. Special thanks go out to the following artists Jason Pootoolal, Angela Webb and the Tulsa Zoo, Cyndey Peterson, Brad Lympney, Sandra Jordan, Jeff Wells and Chad Harmon. Thank you again for helping us choose our logo!

Rhino Keeper Association wishes to congratulate the scholarship recipients for the 2007 Rhino Keeper Workshop at Werribee Zoo in Australia:

Elizabeth Berkeley (Victoria University of Wellington)

Amber Berndt (Indianapolis Zoo)

Christine Bobko (Denver Zoo)

Renee Carpenter (Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden)

Dave Clawson (The Wilds)

Michael Connolly (Tulsa Zoo)

Shane Elsinger (Henry Vilas Zoo)

Jason Faessler (Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden)

Heather Fassel (Busch Gardens – Tampa)

Adam Felts (Columbus Zoo & Aquarium)

Michele Gaffney (San Diego Zoo's Wild Animal Park)

David Geurkink (Fossil Rim Wildlife Center)

Raymond Hren (Milwaukee County Zoo)

Joseph Jerome (African Lion Safari – Canada)

Jane Kennedy (San Diego Zoo's Wild Animal Park)

Brad Lympney (North Carolina Zoological Park)

Alisa Sandor (Cleveland Metroparks)

Jessica Scallan (Tulsa Zoo)

Sivapirangasam Thayaparan (SOS Rhino-Borneo)

Janice Tomlian (Potter Park Zoo)

Jade Tuttle (Caldwell Zoo)

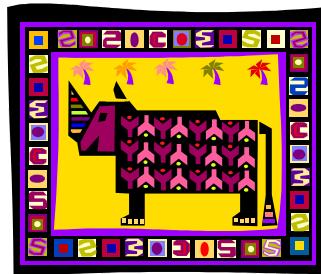
Susanne Wyatt (Indianapolis Zoo)

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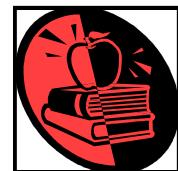
The Rhino Keeper Association (RKA) has developed a program that will provide rhino keepers the opportunity to expand their knowledge and husbandry experience. This program has been designed to enable rhino keepers to work at other institutions to familiarize themselves with different management styles. Due to the professional nature of this program, it is only available to Professional or Associate Rhino Keeper Association members.

The RKA has selected facilities with different management styles to maximize the keepers' potential for enhancing their expertise. It is the hope of the Rhino Keeper Association that the institutions participating in this program will take this opportunity to share their trials, tribulations, triumphs and successes with their professional colleagues. At this time, institutions are: Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Gardens, The Wilds, Columbus Zoo and Aquarium, and San Diego Zoo's Wild Animal Park. The concept of the program is quite simple, but we feel it is an invaluable tool for expanding the skills of rhino keepers by providing them the opportunity to work alongside their colleagues and learn the nuances of that institution's husbandry practices.

Approval process:

The keeper participating in this program must not only have their institution's authorization, but agreement to pay their wages. The institution's approval requires that employee is covered by their institution's workmen's compensation and will provide documentation of personal health insurance. This will provide assurance that the hosting institution will not be liable to cover medical costs. When application has been approved, there will be a fee of \$10 to be contributed to the RKA scholarship fund.

INSTITUTIONAL INFORMATION



Responsibilities of the keeper's institution:

It will be the responsibility of the keeper's institution, or the keeper him/herself, to cover any expenses including travel, housing (if necessary) and food. The keeper's supervisor must complete the section of the application in regards to workman's compensation plan and information in regards to employee's medical coverage. As stated in the application, please include any additional documentation your institution may require to participate in this program.

Responsibilities of the hosting institution:

The Rhino Keeper Association would simply ask the hosting institution to be willing to let interested and approved applicants work alongside their professional staff. We would like each institution to allot a time frame that they could offer this program to interested individuals and let the association know their specific details. Each facility's time allotment will dictate the amount of time available and subsequently the number of keeper(s) that could participate in this program. We would also like to solicit input from institutions regarding options that may be available in regards to housing in an attempt to reduce the expenses to the participants. We would also ask that these institutions provide any additional documentation that might be required so they can be completed in a timely manner. The final decision regarding applicant's acceptance into the program is based on input by the hosting institution. A candidate for the program can be rejected by the hosting institution, even though they may have already received approval from their institution and/or RKA. Hosting institution will not be responsible for employee's wages during keeper professional development at their institution.

Why participate?

To improve knowledge and experience working with rhinos through a one on one participation process that allows for personal and professional growth!





Keeper Professional Development Application

Name: _____ Institution: _____

Title: _____ Position: _____

Total year's as professional zookeeper: _____

Total year's experience in rhino management: _____

E-mail Address: _____ Telephone Number (____) _____

Rhino Keeper Association Classification (circle one)

Professional Associate

Hosting Institution choice (check one):

San Diego Zoo's Wild Animal Park (white, black, greater one horned)

Cincinnati Zoo and Botanical Gardens (black, greater one horned, Sumatran)

The Wilds (white, greater one horned)

Columbus Zoo & Aquarium (black)

Preferred dates for program (maximum two weeks)

Choice 1: _____

Choice 2: _____

Hosting Institution: _____

Contact person (please print): _____

E-mail address: _____

Telephone number: (____) _____

I, _____, would like to work alongside the rhinoceros staff at _____ (Hosting Institution name here). My institution, _____ (keeper institution name here), will cover my Workmen's Compensation Plan through _____ (list provider's name here).

A \$10 fee will be required upon your approval into the program

*Please note that candidate must be approved by Rhino Keeper Association Keeper Professional Development Committee, hosting institution and applicant's institution. Final decision regarding applicant's acceptance into the program is based on criteria/evaluation by hosting institution and candidate can be rejected even though RKA and their institution have approved. Program guidelines are available on-line at www.rhinokeeperassociation.org.

Institutional support for participation in Keeper Professional Development Program

I endorse _____ (insert employee name) attendance and participation in the Keeper Professional Development Program, through the Rhino Keeper Association, and understand that they will be covered by _____ (Institution Name here) workman's compensation plan and the employee has personal medical coverage through _____ (insert health care coverage company here). _____ (Institution Name here) will be responsible for negotiating employee's wages/leave request with employee prior to time frame allocated for this professional development program.

(Please provide any necessary release forms)

Supervisor name (print) _____ Title _____

Supervisor signature: _____

Employees Signature: _____

Date: _____

*Program guidelines are available through our website, www.rhinokeeperassociation.org

EMERGENCY INFORMATION

Health care provider*: _____

Policy/group number: _____

*Please attach photocopy of health care card to application

In case of emergency, Please notify: _____

Relationship: _____

Telephone number: _____

Please list any medicine or food allergies:

Submission criteria:

Completed application should be sent to

Keeper Professional Development Chairperson, Randy Pairan

E-mail Address: Randal.Pairan@cincinnatizoo.org

Mailing Address: Cincinnati Zoo & Botanical Garden

3400 Vine Street

Cincinnati, OH 45220





Leading the Charge "Down Under"
5th Rhino Keeper Workshop
Werribee Open Range Zoo
Australia
2007

Date: 7th to 11th May 2007

Location: Werribee Open Range Zoo and Melbourne Zoo

Registration of Abstracts by: 1st February 2007

Workshop Registration by: 15th March 2007



<http://www.rhinokerpassociation.org>



<http://www.rhinos-irf.org>



<http://www.aszk.org.au>



<http://www.asianrhinos.org.au>



<http://www.aazk.org/>



www.zoo.org.au

For Further Information Contact: Brooke Squires

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Official Website: www.rhinoworkshop07.com



LEADING THE CHARGE "Down Under"



5th Rhino Keeper Workshop

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Werribee Open Range Zoo
Australia

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Dear Colleague,

As the ever decreasing natural world places more and more pressure on the survival of all rhino species, it becomes paramount that as rhino keepers, enthusiasts, conservationists and researchers, we all work together to save these remarkable creatures. We can all make valuable contributions to the care and conservation of in-situ and ex-situ rhino populations, by sharing our knowledge, experience and passion. **Together we can make a difference.**

It is in this spirit that the Rhino Keeper Association and Werribee Open Range Zoo invite you to attend the 5th Rhino Keeper Workshop in Australia, May 7th-11th 2007. Continuing a tradition of excellence begun in 1999, the workshop has grown into a premier forum for the most up-to-date keeper knowledge in the fields of biology, management, conservation, education, reproduction, nutrition and training.

During this four day event, held at Werribee Open Range Zoo and Melbourne Zoo www.zoo.org.au leading experts will present the latest in rhino care, conservation efforts; facilitate active workshop sessions and live demonstrations. Endorsed by the Rhino Keeper Association, International Rhino Foundation, Asian Rhino Project and Rhino Tag, the Rhino Keeper Workshop is a vital investment in the continuing education of your professional staff, and the long term survival of captive and wild rhino populations around the world.

On behalf of the Rhino Keeper Association and Werribee Open Range Zoo, I encourage you to select an interested keeper/s from your institution and support their attendance at this important event.

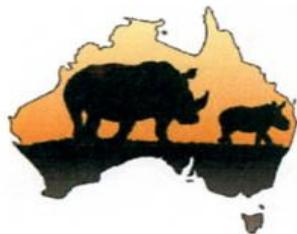
The enclosed information will provide details on registration and accommodation. For more detailed information on attending the workshop and visiting Australia, please refer to the official website www.rhinoworkshop07.com or contact me directly at rhinoworkshop07@yahoo.com.au or by phone at 61 + (0)3 9731 9613.

We look forward to you helping us to "Lead the charge Down Under" in Australia 2007.

Sincerely

Brooke Squires
Senior Keeper/Workshop Coordinator
Werribee Open Range Zoo





5th Rhino Keeper Workshop

2007

Werribee Open Range Zoo

Australia

E-mail: rhinoworkshop07@yahoo.com.au

Suggested Accommodation

Rhino Keeper Workshop delegates are recommended to stay at the **Hotel Y**, which is located just 4 blocks from Melbourne city centre and next to the world famous, **Queen Victoria Markets** www.qvm.com.au. We have secured a discounted accommodation rate for 3 days prior to and for 3 days after the workshop, (4th May to 14th May) for those delegates wishing to spend some time in Melbourne before or after the workshop.

Hotel Y

489 Elizabeth St, Melbourne VIC, 3000
 Reservations Telephone: 61 3 83272777
 Toll Free: 1800 468359
 Facsimile: 61 3 93291469
 E-mail: stay@hotely.com.au
 Website: www.hotely.com.au



When booking reservation please quote **"Rhino Keepers"**

Room Rates: all prices are in AUD

		Room Only	Room & Full Breakfast (2 people)
Deluxe Queen Room	(1 Queen size bed)	\$124.00	\$164.00
Deluxe Twin Room	(2 Single beds)	\$124.00	\$164.00
Executive Room	(1 King or 1 Queen bed)	\$144.00	\$184.00
*2 Bedroom Suite	(1 King size bed & 2 Single beds)	\$164.00	\$204.00
Extra person for 2 bedroom suites only		\$25.00	\$45.00
Full Breakfast per person per day	\$20		

* We have reserved the 2 Bedroom suites for any families attending the workshop. Please contact Brooke Squires rhinoworkshop07@yahoo.com.au if you require these rooms.

If you wish to have a swim during your stay, accommodation includes complimentary pass to the nearby Melbourne City Baths. If you are bringing your own car, parking is not available on-site at Hotel Y. CARePark in nearby Franklin St, offers a discount rate to Hotel Y guests.

Wireless broadband internet access is available at \$30.00/day. Internet terminals are also available at the hotel.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact Hotel Y directly:

E-mail: stay@hotely.com.au or

Brooke Squires, Rhino Keeper Workshop 07 coordinator:

E-mail: rhinoworkshop07@yahoo.com.au



LEADING THE CHARGE "DOWN UNDER"



5th Rhino Keeper Workshop

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**Werribee Open Range Zoo
Australia**

E-mail: rhinoworkshop07@yahoo.com.au

Useful Information

**All prices quoted are in Australian dollars, to convert to other currencies please use
www.x-rates.com**

Invitation to Attend.

On behalf of Werribee Open Range Zoo, www.zoo.org.au and the Rhino Keeper Association www.rhinokeeperassociation.org, we would like to invite you to attend the 5th Rhino Keeper Workshop. The Rhino Keeper Workshop 2007 presents an unsurpassed opportunity for rhino keepers, researchers and enthusiasts from around the world to come together and share a wealth of knowledge. We hope you are able to attend this fantastic event and we look forward to seeing you there.

Brooke Squires – RKW07 Coordinator. e-mail: rhinoworkshop07@yahoo.com.au
Adam Felts – RKA President

Dates: 7th-11th May 2007

Locations: Werribee Open Range Zoo and Melbourne Zoo, Melbourne, Australia.

Werribee Open Range Zoo is located 30min drive from the Melbourne city centre. Melbourne Zoo is located only minutes north of the city centre, within Royal Park. Melbourne Zoo can be reached by tram #55 which runs from William St.

Accommodation.

Please refer to Accommodation flyer in information pack. We recommend that delegates stay at the Hotel Y www.hotelY.com.au, which is located in Melbourne's city centre. Room prices start from \$124 per room (room sleeps 2 people). We have quoted a room only price and room and breakfast price, in case delegates prefer to visit the Queen Victoria Markets, located right next to the hotel, for a variety of breakfast options, www.qvm.com.au. There are 2 family rooms available which have been reserved for family groups, please contact Brooke Squires for further information. These discount accommodation rates are fixed for 3 days pre and post workshop, i.e. 4th-14th May 2007.

Room Mate Finding Service.

If you would like us to help you find a room mate please send details to Jan Toy.
E-mail: rhinoworkshop07@yahoo.com.au, or by fax +61 (0) 3 9731 9644.

Getting There.

If you are flying to the workshop, we recommend that you fly into Melbourne's Tullamarine International Airport www.melbourne-airport.com.au. Taxi service from Tullamarine Airport to the city centre costs around \$55. Shuttle service from Tullamarine Airport to the city centre return costs \$24. A shuttle service, provided by Werribee Zoo will be available on Sunday the 6th May and Monday 7th May. Please email your arrival details to rhinoworkshop07@yahoo.com.au, if you wish to use this service. If you are bringing your own car, parking is not available on-site at Hotel Y. CARePark in nearby Franklin St, offers a discount rate to Hotel Y guests. Please contact Hotel Y staff to make further arrangements. E-mail: stay@hotely.com.au If driving to the workshop venues, parking is available at Werribee Open Range Zoo and Melbourne Zoo at no charge.

Passports and Visas.

Visitors entering Australia need a valid passport and the appropriate Australian Visa. Check with our local travel agent or Australian Diplomatic Office for visa requirements.

Climate.

Melbourne's weather can be unpredictable in May, with temperatures varying 9-21Celsius. We recommend that you bring warm, casual clothes, light wet weather gear and sensible walking shoes. For further information regarding weather forecasts closer to the workshop www.bom.gov.au/weather/vic.

Draft Program.**Monday 7th May 2007**

2-7pm Registration, 6-10pm Icebreaker at Hotel Y.

(Free entry to Melbourne Zoo for delegates and families who wish to fill in some time on Monday.)

Tuesday 8th May 2007

Am: Depart for Werribee Open Range Zoo

Official Opening, Guest Speaker and papers/posters.

Pm: Papers, bus tour of Werribee Open Range Zoo

BBQ dinner at Werribee Open Range Zoo

**Wednesday 9th May 2007**

Am: Depart for Melbourne Zoo

Guest Speaker, papers/posters.

Pm: Workshops, behind the scenes/free time around zoo

Dinner in city/ free time.

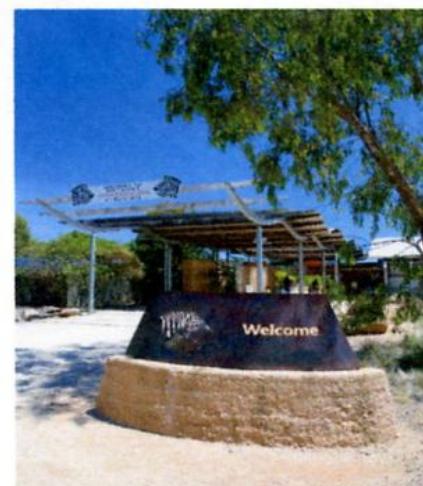
Thursday 10th May 2007

Am: Depart for Melbourne Zoo

Guest Speaker, papers/posters.

Pm: Workshops

Asian themed dinner at Melbourne Zoo

**Friday 11th May 2007**

Am: Depart for Werribee Open Range Zoo

Guest Speaker, papers/posters

Pm: Workshops

Auction dinner at Werribee Open Range Zoo

Saturday 12th May 2007

Optional Trip to Healesville Sanctuary

Cost: \$15

Things to Bring.

If possible, please bring any photos/diagrams of your facilities, any information pertaining to your conditioning/ enrichment programs. We hope to set up a display board which will stimulate workshop and general discussion.

Please bring a badge/pin from your facility.

Auction Night will be on the last evening of the workshop. Money raised from this will go to support future Rhino Keeper Workshops. We ask all delegates to bring an item to auction.

Registration Entitlements.

Fully Registered delegates will be entitled to the following:

- Attend all workshop sessions
- All social functions
- Conference bag
- Morning, afternoon teas and lunch Tues-Friday
- CD of proceedings



Day delegates will be entitled to the following:

- Attend all sessions on nominated day/s
- Social program on nominated day/s
- Morning/afternoon teas, lunches on nominated day/s
- Conference bag

Partners/Family Program.

Partners and family members of delegates are welcome to join all social functions. Children over 5 will be required to pay the full price, children under 5 attend for free. Partners and family members will be given a name tag that will allow them free entry into Werribee Open Range Zoo, Melbourne Zoo and Healesville Sanctuary for the duration of the workshop. There will be a pick up service from the hotel for family and partners to Werribee Zoo social functions. Melbourne has many attractions that are suitable for partners and children, all within the city centre. There are also a variety of day trips to some of Melbourne's surrounding attractions. For more information on day trips, shopping, dining and local attractions:

www.thatsmelbourne.com.au

www.visitvictoria.com.au

www.kidfriendly.com.au

www.travelvictoria.com.au

or e-mail tourism@melbourne.vic.gov.au .

Registration Fees and Partners/Family Social Function Fees.

Full Workshop Registration.	Day Registration.	BBQ Werribee Zoo Tues night	Asian dinner Melbourne Zoo	Auction dinner Werribee Zoo
\$150	\$45	\$20	\$20	\$35

Please fill out the registration form in the workshop information pack and fax or mail to :

Brooke Squires
C/O Werribee Zoo
PO Box 460,
Werribee, Vic
Australia, 3033
Fax: +61 (0) 3 9731 9644

Please email to confirm that registration form has been sent. e-mail:
rhinoworkshop07@yahoo.com.au Confirmation of registration will be sent within 3 weeks of receipt of registration.

While you are here....

Australia is an amazingly beautiful and diverse country. If you are visiting from overseas, we hope you stay a while and take a look around. Here are some handy websites to help you plan your stay.

- Around Melbourne www.thatsmelbourne.com.au
- Around Victoria: www.visitvictoria.com.au
- National Parks: www.parkweb.vic.gov.au
- Domestic Flights: www.webjet.com.au , www.flightcentre.com.au , www.lastminute.com.au .
- Car hire: www.carhire.com.au

Visiting Zoos in the Region.

If any delegates are taking time to travel around Australia, each zoo in the region that holds rhino, has a nominated contact person, to assist any delegates with visiting their zoo, accommodation and possible work experience. Australia Zoo is intending to hold rhino in the future.

Zoo Name	Web Address	Contact Person & E-mail
Monarto Zoo, South Australia	www.monartozp.com.au	Tony Austin zambisi@optusnet.com.au
Perth Zoo, Western Australia	www.perthzoo.wa.gov.au	Rob Herkes rob.herkes@perthzoo.wa.gov.au Kaelene McKay kaelene.mckay@perthzoo.wa.gov.au
Western Plains Zoo, New South Wales	www.zoo.nsw.gov.au	Ross Taylor rtaylor@zoo.nsw.gov.au
Auckland Zoo, New Zealand	www.aucklandzoo.co.nz	Michael Batty michael.batty@aucklandcity.govt.nz Nat Sullivan nat.sullivan@aucklandcity.govt.nz
Hamilton Zoo, New Zealand	www.hamiltonzoo.co.nz	Sam Stephans sam.stephans@hcc.govt.nz Catherine Nichols catherine.nichols@hcc.govt.nz
Orana Wildlife Park, New Zealand	www.oranawildlifepark.co.nz	Ian Adams ian@oranawildlifepark.co.nz
Werribee Open Range Zoo	www.zoo.org.au	Brooke Squires rhinoworkshop07@yahoo.com.au
Australia Zoo, Queensland	www.australiazoo.com.au	Deb Ryan swhtrhino@hotmail.com

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Australia, 3013

Werribee Open Range Zoo
Ph: +61 (0) 3 97319613
Fax: +61 (0) 3 97319644
Address: PO Box 460
Werribee, Vic
Australia, 3030

Within Australia

24hr emergency numbers
Fire, Police, Ambulance - 000
Interpreting Service - 131 450

Consulates

American (03) 9526 5900
British (03) 9650 4155
Chinese (03) 9822 0604
French (03) 9820 0921
German (03) 9828 6888
Greek (03) 9866 4524
Indonesian (03) 95252755

All information contained in this document can also be found on the Rhino Keeper Workshop official website: www.rhinoworkshop07.com.





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Werribee Open Range Zoo

Australia

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Key Supporters



Rhino Keeper Association. The Rhino Keeper Association is an international coalition of rhino keepers and rhino enthusiasts committed to improving the future of all species of rhinoceros by making meaningful contributions to the care of in-situ and ex-situ rhinos. This will be accomplished by sharing knowledge and experiences with other keepers, directly addressing conservation, education and captive management issues. www.rhinokeeperassociation.org



International Rhino Foundation. The mission of the IRF is to contribute to rhino conservation by providing technical, administrative and financial services and support for programs which emphasize intensive management and scientific research both in situ (in the wild) and ex situ (in captivity) as equally important components of rhino conservation.

The IRF is involved in both in situ (in nature) and ex situ (in captivity) programs, which IRF believes are both critical for the survival of the rhino. For its programs in nature, IRF concentrates on the species and subspecies most in need of, and most appropriate for, intensive protection and management. For its programs in captivity, IRF facilitates management and sponsors research with the ultimate objective of helping captive populations become truly viable and hence an integral part of conservation strategies for rhinos. www.rhino-irf.org



American Association of Zoo Keepers. AAZK's purpose is to foster a professional attitude in animal keepers by encouraging them to become active members of the professional teams at today's zoos and aquariums. AAZK supports the promotion and implementation of zoo keeper education and strives to make the general public aware of our concern for all valid and deserving conservation projects and the need for the preservation of our natural resources and animal life. AAZK's mission is to provide a resource and a forum of continuing education for the animal care professional and to support zoo and aquarium personnel in their roles as animal care givers, scientific researchers, public educators and conservationists; to promote zoos and aquariums as cultural establishments dedicated to the enrichment of human and natural resources; to foster the exchange of research materials, enrichment options and husbandry information through publications and conferences which will lead to a greater understanding of the needs and requirements of all animals.

www.aazk.org

Special thanks go to Disney's Animal Kingdom and San Diego Zoo's Wild Animal Park for their continued guidance and generous financial support of the Rhino Keeper Workshops.



Australasian Society of Zoo Keeping. The ASZK is primarily a professional organisation which seeks to promote the exchange of information on all aspects of wild animal husbandry, and in so doing add to the conservation of rare and endangered species. The Society achieves these objectives through the production of journals, newsletters and through a series of workshops and conferences which are held throughout the Australasian region. www.aszk.org.au



Asian Rhino Project. Asian Rhino Project (ARP) is a non-profit, volunteer organization, raising awareness and support for the three Asian rhinoceros species. The mission of Asian Rhino Project is to raise awareness and provide support for the conservation of the three highly endangered Asian Rhinoceros species – the Sumatran Rhino, the Javan Rhino and the Indian Rhino. We are able to do this through actively seeking funding from donors, corporate sponsors and memberships, the sales of merchandise, and funds raised through events and educational programs. These funds contribute to programs in-situ through partnerships formed with non-profit conservation organisations in the field. We are very fortunate to currently receive funding for all administrative costs from a single donor ensuring that 100% of donations and funds raised are directly committed to the conservation of these flagship species. www.asianrhinos.org.au



Zoos Victoria. 'Zoos Victoria' is the commercial name for the Zoological Parks and Gardens Board (ZPGB). The ZPGB is a government agency, with a government-appointed Board. The Chief Executive Officer of Zoos Victoria is Laura Mumaw, who reports to the Board and is responsible for the successful operation of Melbourne Zoo, Healesville Sanctuary and Werribee Open Range Zoo.

The Zoos Victoria management team has created a new strategic direction, breaking free of the traditional zoo idea of animals in cages. As part of this we have developed the new Zoos Vision & Values focussing on the four pillars of Conservation, Education, Entertainment and Research.

Vision and Missions: We build enduring relationships between people and wildlife for a future in which humans live in balance with the natural world. Our zoos will be world leading centres for wildlife experience, education, conservation and research - on site, off site and on line. To lead, inspire and empower everyone to connect with wildlife, build knowledge, develop skills and take informed action to conserve the natural world.

www.zoo.org.au

