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RHINOS CONTINUE TO FLOURISH IN ZIMBABWE

Three of your Executive, the President, Vice-President and General Duties Officer, recently spent a fortnight in Zimbabwe visiting eight projects for which the SAVE FOUNDATION has offered funds in recent years. We were delighted with the majority of what we saw, both in the Intensive Protection Zones and private Conservancies. In particular, we visited the Midlands Black Rhino Conservancy, Matopo Intensive Protection Zone (IPZ), Gourlays Rhino Project, Bubiana Conservancy, Sinamatella IPZ, Matusadona IPZ and Imire Rhino Project.

During this trip the following equipment was presented: 1 marine diesel engine, 100 pairs of boots, 70 backpacks, 4 hand-held radios, land-cruiser parts, a computer printer, 8 4WD tyres, kindly donated by **Goodyear Tyres** and 3 months vitamin supplies for the scouts, courtesy of **Amway**.

A full report, including video of most of the projects, will be given at a **General Meeting** for members and their friends on **Wednesday 1 November**, at 7.30 pm, at the **Loftus Community Centre**. Please indicate your intention to attend by Friday 27 October, so that we can prepare some light refreshments and an appropriate sized room. In a nutshell, there has been no rhino poaching since March last year, and approximately 20 calves have been born in this time. You will see some of them in the video.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Eighth General Meeting took place on June and the following Executive was elected:

President:	Nicholas Duncan
Vice-President	Marion Bowers
Secretary	Bob Cooper
Treasurer	Kevin Judge
General Duties Officer	Guy Tristram

We were sorry to lose the services of Cheryl Davenport who had been a hard-working Executive member for the past four years, and who was unsuccessful in standing for the position of Vice-President. We thank Cheryl for her vital contributions during these years, in particular, for highlighting the need for support to the private sector in Zimbabwe, and the Midlands Conservancy has received much help due to Cheryl's work on the Executive.

SAFARI '95 AND '96

The magnificent safari was conducted in late August and early September, visiting Imire Game Ranch, Musango Safari Lodge on the shores of Lake Kariba, Linkwasha Camp in the wilderness area of Hwange Park, the mighty Victoria Falls, Camp Okavango in the Okavango Delta, Camp Moremi in the Moremi Wildlife Reserve of Botswana and three camps in Etosha National Park in Namibia. It was a most comprehensive visit and included good game sightings, in particular 28 lions in Namibia and Botswana and 15 black rhinos in Zimbabwe and Namibia. It also raised nearly \$14,000 for our cause.

A video is available for anyone who wishes to participate in safari '96, which will be at a similar time and to similar places. Numbers will be strictly limited to 12. Please contact the office as soon as you can if you would like further information.

PERTH ROYAL SHOW

We had a small stand at this year's Show, ably organised and worked by Bob Cooper, Marion Bowers and several members. The rhino money box was the star attraction and \$3,940 in donations was received. Further product sales of \$2,500 resulted in an overall profit of approximately \$4,000. We should like to thank Arthur and Margaret Prior from **Exhibition Hire and Sales** for the kind donation of the display stand, the "anti-poaching tent" and the display furniture.

MELBOURNE NEWS

A most successful rhino ball was held at Prahran Town Hall on Friday 6 October, attended by 308 people. It was a fabulous evening, and our thanks go to the organising committee, ably led by Sue Pennicuik, and also to the Melbourne band, "**Stone Cold Boners**", who donated their services for an hour, and had the whole audience dancing to their rhythms. A small auction was held and the overall profits were approximately \$5,000 for the night.

BRISBANE NEWS

The following evening, Saturday 7 October, saw the Brisbane rhino ball at "Inn on the Park". In attendance were 130 keen rhino supporters who also had a great time, ably entertained by the comedian, . An auction was also held and the final proceeds for the evening were approximately \$15,000. Congratulations to Andrew O'Hara and his SAVE FOUNDATION team for making this their biggest and best function so far.

SYDNEY NEWS

The Sydney Rhino Safari Ball will be held on **Saturday 11 November** at Athol Hall, Ashton Park, Mosman and tickets are available from Jen Dollin and her organising committee on (02) 661 4036 or Box 374 Drummoyne NSW 2047. This looks like being a splendid affair and our good friends at **Tucker Seabrook** are supplying some fine South African wines, and **Air Zimbabwe** are also helping with sponsorship.

RENEWALS

It's possible that a renewal notice is included with this newsheet and we do invite you to rejoin, with your membership taking you through to 1 April 1996, which has been established as the annual renewal date. Your Executive believes that the rhino situation in Zimbabwe is as good as it has ever been and encourages you to continue your support as further supplies are vital especially with the oncoming rainy season which is traditionally the poachers main time of activity, as their footprints are quickly washed away.

DONATIONS

It may be that some members or their friends may wish to make a **fully tax-deductible donation** to the SAVE FOUNDATION and we ask that you make your cheques payable to the SAVE FOUNDATION Donation Account and post them to the Perth office. Naturally, receipts will be issued and your donation is claimable in the '95-'96 tax year, through our association with the Register of Environmental Organisations.

Finally, we look forward to meeting as many of you as possible at our General Meeting on 1 November, when a most interesting and informative update will be presented by Marion, Guy and Nicholas. Please reserve your seat by phoning 444 6550. Thank you.