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# NEW NAME, NEW PATRON AND OUR BIGGEST YEAR

As you will have read in your recent May newsheet, the **SAVE FOUNDATION of Australia (Inc)** became the official name for the organisation formerly known as the Save African Endangered Wildlife Foundation, this being ratified at an Extraordinary General Meeting held at Loftus Community Centre on Wednesday 15 March. This decision had been recommended by your Executive in order to give your Foundation its own Australian identity. At the same meeting it was decided to make April 1st the common renewal date for all memberships in order to minimise administration work in the **SAVE FOUNDATION** office.

We are delighted to announce that our great friend and supporter of the past five years, David Gower OBE, has accepted the patronage of the **SAVE FOUNDATION of Australia** and hopes to be as supportive as possible in years to come. As most of you will know, David is one of the great international Test cricketers of the past two decades, having played in 117 Test matches for England, scoring over 8,000 runs at an average of about 44, and captaining his country on 32 occasions. This places him close to the top in both Tests played and runs scored in the all-time international records.

David was raised in Tanzania before returning to England for his education and played club cricket for a season in 1977/78 for Claremont-Cottesloe. It was here that he met Nicholas Duncan and their friendship began. Subsequently, David became involved as a Trustee with the David Shepherd Conservation Foundation, a leading UK charitable organisation, and his first public association with **SAVE FOUNDATION** was in February 1991 at a dinner at Coco's Restaurant, South Perth, with him and his English Test colleagues.

There followed a number of fund-raising ventures, the highlights being a highly successful safari to Botswana, Zambia and Zimbabwe in October 1991, some fund-raising dinner/auctions in Zimbabwe at the same time, a dinner/auction in Sydney in 1993, another in Perth in 1995 and the recent Black Rhino Challenge Cricket Match. Through these various ventures David has been indirectly responsible for helping to raise over \$175,000 for rhino conservation in Zimbabwe and we are very proud to have him as our new Patron.

## \$100,000 raised in the past year

The 1994/95 year has been our biggest and best so far and we have been able to offer enormous assistance to Zimbabwe's rhinos, for which further details can be found in the Zimbabwe Update. Our branches around

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Australia have held a number of events, including dinner/auctions, safaris, sponsored mountain climbs, trade shows, a cricket match and our ongoing product sales, especially T-shirts and prints. This has all resulted in well over \$100,000 being raised and spent during the past twelve months, and is certainly our most active year on record.

All our efforts seem to be paying-off as there are no reported cases of rhino poaching during the past fifteen months and quite a few births have occurred in the Conservancies and National Parks. This has resulted in a net gain for the year, the first time in ten years, and we must all be encouraged by that and keep up our efforts. The **SAVE FOUNDATION of Australia** is now one of the major non-Governmental donors to Zimbabwe rhino conservation, a fact of which we are justly proud. The main categories of donation fall into rhino tracking equipment, radio communication supplies and motor vehicle maintenance expenses.

During the past few months, your Executive has lost the services of Gail Miller and Nic Kebell, both of whom were heavily involved in establishing their own business ventures and were unable to devote the time that they considered appropriate. Thank you for your efforts for the **SAVE FOUNDATION** and best wishes for your future projects.

Cheryl Davenport and Guy Tristram have now been part of the Executive for the last four and three years respectively, during which time they have offered an enormous amount of support and expertise to the administration and promotion of the **SAVE FOUNDATION**. We would be unable to function without the commitment of Cheryl and Guy and thank them most sincerely for all that they have done.

Kevin Judge joined the Executive in March, and with his vast business and accountancy background will be an asset to the Foundation. Kevin purchased one of our auctioned safaris last year and had such a marvellous time in Zimbabwe that he wishes to make his own contribution to our cause.

The enormous amount of work being done in the **SAVE FOUNDATION** office this year, especially with the organising and co-ordinating of the Black Rhino Challenge cricket match, which involved numerous communications between Perth, Harare, England and South Africa, would not have been possible without

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## \$35,000 RAISED AT DAVID GOWER DINNER

Yet another most successful fund-raising dinner has been and gone — this year "An Evening with David Gower" held on Sunday, 5 February. Once again, Kings Park Restaurant was chosen as the special venue for a great night's entertainment. A balmy evening and views to the lovely Swan River provided the perfect setting for the enjoyment of good food, fine wine, amusing speeches and energetic auctioneering.

Drinks and hors d'oeuvres were served on the balcony from 6.45pm, a practice which proved popular with everyone, judging from the animated conversations being conducted.

The restaurant was packed out with 260 people (thanks to Neville Oliver and ABC cricket for the great publicity and Printing Specialists and Cutter Art for the very attractive rhino-shaped invitations) and the princely sum of \$35,000 was raised to help save the rhino. Among items auctioned were a safari for two (purchased by Irene and Gordon Cardwell), original paintings by Santina Stransky and Pam Barbour, autographed cricket memorabilia, some magnificent stone carvings and even a most appealing stuffed rhino (and if we don't all persevere with our money-raising activities, that will probably be the only variety left by the turn of the century). Other interesting items to go under the hammer were: some superb silver sculptures by Patrick Mavros, signed prints by David Shepherd, Mandy Shepherd, Mark Sadler and Paul Bosman, Ian Botham's autobiography, a Rhino car alarm, Eagles and Dockers autographed Burley-Sekem football shirts, Braun (Australia) products and a Panasonic Australia colour printer.



Howard Cearns (Swan Brewery) presenting a cheque for \$2,750 to David Gower

For many, the highlight of the evening was cricket legend David Gower's humorous and relaxed speech. It was an honour to have this great sportsman as our guest. His colourful, internationally flavoured anecdotes warmed the hearts of even the most unenthusiastic cricket "followers". David was introduced as our new patron, and on behalf of the SAVE FOUNDATION, accepted a

cheque for \$4,200 from Tucker Seabrook (from South African Wine Sales), another one for \$2,750 from Swan Brewery (last November's rhino promotion) and 31 used office and vehicle radios from Plunkett Homes. Oka Motor Company announced their involvement with a forthcoming mammoth raffle in Zimbabwe.

A familiar face of fame could be spotted amongst the rhino glitterati — it was none less than Sir Tim Rice, the world's most successful musical lyricist.



Andrew Moore (Tucker Seabrook) presenting \$4,200 to David Gower

Special thanks must go to John Markham, Geoff Matthews, Daniel Fripp, Wyn Wyman, Craig Clarke, Wayne Mansfield, Peter Moulton, Stella Stewart, Howard Cearns, Tom Watson, Vern Winter, Peter Howe, Rod Pollitt and Neil Wilkie, whose generous bidding kept the proceedings rolling at a suitably rapid rate. Thanks must also go to the bountiful liquid refreshment donors/sponsors. Without Tucker Seabrook's Nederberg wines (thanks Judy and Rob Hirst and Andrew Moore) and Swan Brewery's beer (thanks Howard Cearns) the event would not have been the financial success it was.

The SAVE FOUNDATION appreciates the help given on the night by Christine Baker, Krys Jury, Julie Bain, Alex and Viv James, Mark Allen, Cheryl Davenport, Maree Wrack and Rachel Hartley.

A real touch of class was added to the culinary and aesthetic delights by way of miniature chocolate rhinos kindly donated by Trevor Chivers of Rose Avenue Confectionery and much admired by all present. In addition to the above greatly appreciated donations was the door-prize of dinner for four at the superb "Grumpy Rogue", the relatively new African/Indian restaurant in Subiaco. Thanks are extended to Roshni Chirkoot for his kindness in donating such an appropriate prize, for which the lucky winner was Penny Argyle.

All in all, then, a wonderful evening of merriment which, it is hoped, will be repeated next year. To all the marvellous supporters and members, do please come again next year — and help save the rhino from extinction.

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the many extra hours worked by my secretary, Christine Baker. Thanks Christine for all that you contributed towards the success of this project.

You will have already received notification of our impending Annual General Meeting and you are urged to attend and show your support for the work of the SAVE FOUNDATION.

Special mention must be made of Mariella Sloss, formerly of Meekatharra, now of Leonora, who has organised the donation of more than twenty large cartons of used clothing from her local communities. Most of this has already been distributed to the staff and their families of National Parks and the remainder will go to the local communities bordering one of the Conservancies.

There is always a need for voluntary assistance in various capacities, particularly in the office and at the Royal Show, and if anyone can lend their support then we would be delighted to hear from them. Meantime, we will continue contributing as best we can to the preservation of both the black and the white rhino in Zimbabwe, remembering that "Extinction is Forever"!

To everyone who has supported in any way at all during the past year, it's a big thank-you from the remaining 275 black rhinos of Zimbabwe.

Nicholas S Duncan  
President

## NEWS FROM THE PRIVATE RHINO CONSERVANCIES & CUSTODIANS:

# “SPOTLIGHT ON GOURLAYS”

THE Rhinos continue to be monitored and protected successfully by the private rhino custodians in satellite breeding areas and Conservancies. SAVE FOUNDATION members reading this Newsletter should take heart that there has been no reported rhino poaching in Zimbabwe now for a year, and you would be aware that the majority of these roam on private land. The sweetest news of all is to hear of the rhino births — both white and black — the best victory of all... Of course, it would be naive to think that the threat to rhinos has disappeared, and the private rhino custodians are acutely aware of the need to keep security honed and vigilance sharp.

The SAVE FOUNDATION has continued to allot 25% of its fund raising money to assist the Conservancies, and is guided in its priority decisions of where, and how best to utilise this money, by Zimbabwean, Raoul du Toit (Government Co-ordinator for black rhino on private land).

Our focus and assistance moved on from "Imire", "Iwaba", "Twin Springs" and the Midlands Black Rhino Conservancy (which, in the main, received radio-communication equipment), to GOURLAYS BLOCK and its owners, Richards & Carol Pascall.

GOURLAYS BLOCK Black Rhino Breeding Project is dynamic! I can vividly recall hearing the following quote... "If I were a black rhino, I would prefer to be a black rhino on Gourlays"! This certainly sums it up.

Approximately 8 years ago, Richard & Carol Pascall offered their property of 21,000 ha. as a safe haven and breeding site for black rhino. In their wisdom the Zimbabwe Government recognised a good thing when they saw it! Gourlays was the recipient of a breeding nucleus of 7 female and 3 male black rhino which was translocated from the devastatingly poached Zambezi Valley.

GOURLAYS is located 120 km north of Bulawayo at Turk Mine and contains ideal browse habitat for black rhino, and the added bonus of having NO hyaena population (rhino calves are frequent hyaena victims). However, can you imagine what else has to be provided to ensure monitoring and safety for these precious animals? The Pascalls had to face the reality of erecting an electrified rhino-proof fence around the whole property, provide armed guards patrols, vehicles and ensure a good radio communication network. Just for record... the perimeter fencing covers 64 kms at a cost of approximately ZIM\$16,000 per kilometre (Approx. AU\$2000/km). Having to borrow money for such a project is daunting when, in Zimbabwe, current interest rates run at approximately 34%!

Black rhinos are frustratingly slow to breed (but quick to die under the poacher's bullets!), however, Gourlay's pathetic little nucleus of animals bred up to 26... allowing the decision to be taken by Raoul du Toit to translocate 7 of these rhino "down the road" to Bubiana Conservancy and "across the way" to Save Valley Conservancy, to assist in their black rhino breeding programs.

The Pascalls are philosophical about accepting the necessity that some of Gourlay's rhinos go to the two major Conservancies in Zimbabwe — Bubiana and Save Valley, and



their only concern is that whatever is deemed to be in the rhinos' overall best interest, shall be done.

All indicators point to the fact that there will be a rhino "baby boom" at Gourlays soon... as rhino faeces samples supplied to the San Diego Zoo indicate the female rhinos are pregnant.

The SAVE FOUNDATION of Australia has provided the Gourlays Black Rhino Project with radio communication equipment and some solar equipment, and as a sign of their appreciation for outside help, the Pascalls donated to SAVE a very generous Safari package prize for auction.

Local Perth SAVE FOUNDATION members, Irene and Gordon Cardwell, successfully bid for this Safari at the SAVE FOUNDATION cricket dinner held in early 1995, and will be enjoying Gourlays' hospitality (which includes an escorted visit to the Matopos National Park), in September.

Richard Pascall visited Australia in February this year; he experienced first hand encounters with the Dubbo Zoo black rhinos, met with SAVE FOUNDATION people from NSW, Queensland, Victoria and of course, WA — where he spoke to SAVE FOUNDATION members at a meeting at the Perth Zoo, before flying back to his family and precious rhino charges in Zimbabwe.

The Midlands, Bubiana and Save Valley Conservancies continue to have rhino breeding success also — we congratulate them.

SAVE FOUNDATION members and supporters can rest satisfied and thankful that chosen Zimbabwean people such as Conservancy individuals and the Pascalls are custodians for the majority of the remaining black rhino, but we should NEVER forget or become complacent about realising the incredible effort and plain grinding persistence required to fulfil this privileged but difficult task of saving the black rhino from extinction.

Cheryl Davenport

## TAX DEDUCTIBLE DONATIONS

If any reader or business or corporation would like to make a tax-deductible donation before the end of the 1995/95 financial year, then please forward your cheque to the Perth office, payable to the SAVE FOUNDATION Donation Fund, and we will acknowledge with a receipt and an explanation of the claiming procedure under the Register of Environmental Organisations. Thank you.

## TALK TO THE ANIMALS EXPO

The "Talk to the Animals" Expo was held at the Claremont Showgrounds from Thursday 27 April to Sunday 30 April, inclusive, and a SAVE FOUNDATION stand was on show, making sales and spreading the black rhino conservation word.

As usual, long hours were put in by our members and supporters to set up, "man" the stand from 10am to 6pm daily for 4 days, and dismantle, but the general feeling was that it was enjoyable and fun, receiving a good response from the animal-oriented expo visitors. Over the four days, \$2200 was raised from sales of T-shirts, African armbands, animal prints, safari clothing, African jewellery etc., and the bonus was the excellent amount of money collected in the rhino money box which had pride of place in the front of the stand — 1300 in donations.

It was rather painful having to pay substantial overhead costs, but the SAVE FOUNDATION was grateful to receive a discount from the Expo organisers, Scott & Williams Marketing Group, and a reduced rate for hire of stand walls, floor coverings and furniture from our long standing supporters, "Furniture Hire and Sales". Our sincere thanks to them.

Of course, it's the people who "man" the stand — selling, talking and inducing visitors to help the rhino cause — who make it successful, and appreciation and thanks go to our loyal supporters who are always quick to offer help... Julie Bain, Tim Scarrott, Dee Musson, Maureen de la Harpe, Freddie & Mark Edmonds, Caron Bussell (the Perth-to-Augusta rhino run lady!), Maree Wrack, and Lya, Adele Begovich, Patricia Gowland, Helen Trowell, Marion Bowers and Nicholas Duncan who both put in long hours. I make a special thank-you to my husband, Angus, for the loan of the 4WD rover to transfer sale goods to and from the Show; for his time and effort, and also two family members, Raquel and Abigail who happily jumped in to help the cause.

## DARLINGTON ARTS FESTIVAL

November last year, I set up our normal SAVE FOUNDATION stall at the Darlington Arts Festival, held over two days. As the serious stall owners set up their colourful displays of Hills art and craft, canvas awnings were swiftly erected as temperatures of 34°C had been forecast.

At 10 o'clock the SAVE FOUNDATION stand was ready, vibrating to the rhythmic beat of Ladysmith Black Mambazo. My first visitors were the Hills Airborne Division of Flies seeking refuge from the heat. Passing visitors could be forgiven for interpreting my attack on the Division as some frenzied African ritual. Reg Rhino (money box) stood proudly at the entrance and as always proved to be the easiest money earner. The Hills folk have always been generous supporters of SAVE FOUNDATION, so I felt it imperative they see the positive results. I displayed a large colour photo of a rhino with her calf with the caption — "Thanks to your generosity, we celebrated a birth." Photos of floodlights, handheld radios and other anti-poaching gear were also on display, so people could see the connection between their money, items purchased and the resultant birth. People will not support a cause that continuously publicises the negatives, but give them evidence of a recent success and the eyes light up, there's a smile and the hand reaches for the purse or wallet.

Cheryl and Angus very kindly took over for several hours on Tuesday afternoon. Despite the sauna-like conditions and the fact that the Airborne Division had summoned a further squadron for an aerial bombardment of the Hamburger Stall next door, their enthusiasm and friendly chatter ensured that business was brisk.

Wednesday was another scorcher and possibly a reason for the lower than normal number of visitors, Caron, my daughter, helped for a few hours and was recognised by some visitors as the RUN for RHINO girl. She was able to show them photos of some of the



Julie Bain & Freddie Edmonds helping at the SAVE FOUNDATION stand

I don't know how many people have witnessed Tim Scarrott, kindly and with a great sense of fun, get people to put all their loose change into the rhino money box — but it certainly is a fascinating feat to observe... good on you Tim.

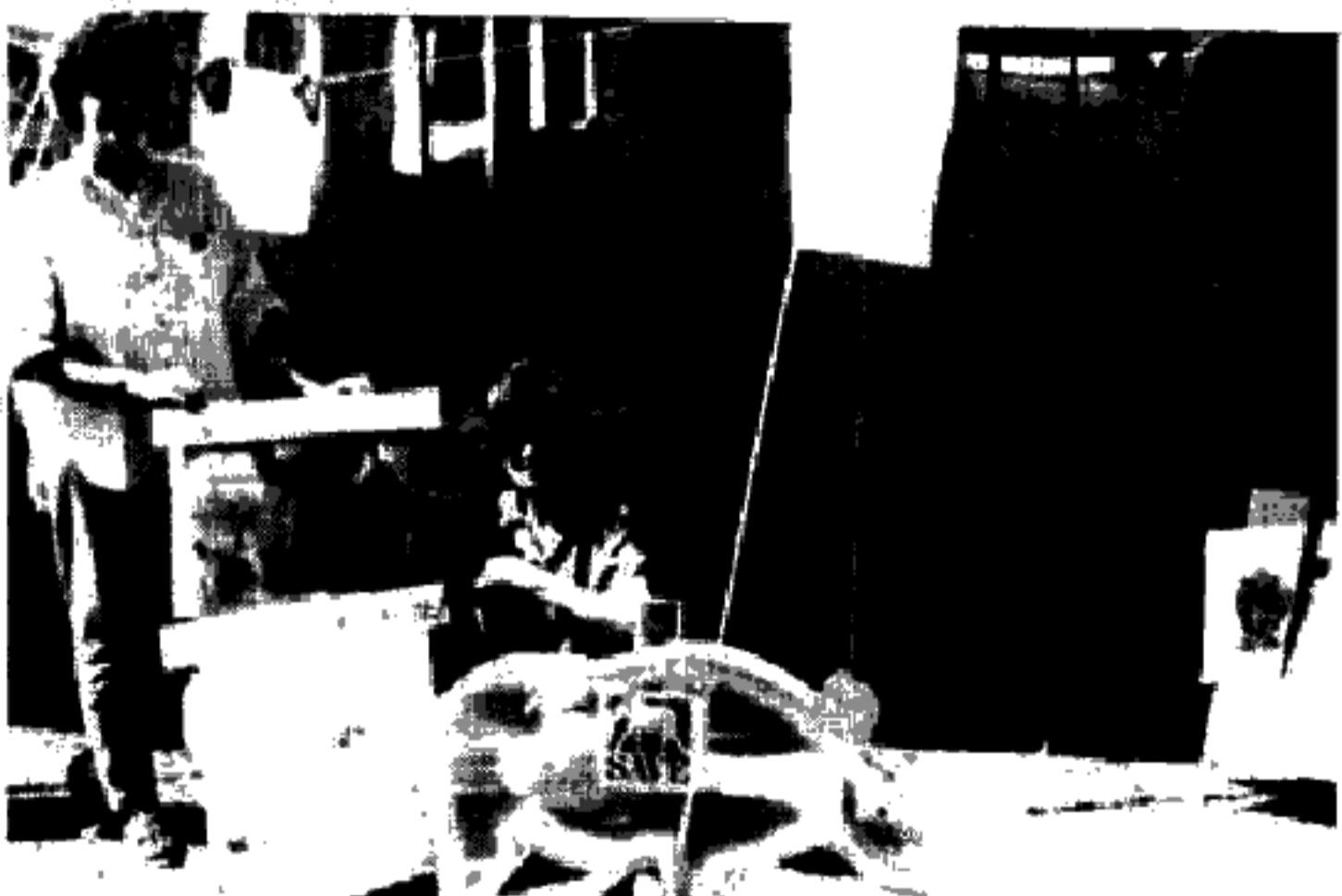
So, at the "end of the day" there were more funds in the coffers to help our black rhinos. Thank you all participants.

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SAVE FOUNDATION people — please become involved in helping with fund raising; your ideas however big or small will be welcomed, and believe me, it is rewarding and fun to put a little time directly into fund raising and see the results, then know that in some small way it has helped the black rhino.

The rhino money boxes continue to be a great success — Marion Bowers was the lady with the original idea. It really has been, and will continue to be, a winner... thank you Marion.

Cheryl Davenport



Dee Musson & Cheryl Davenport

Items bought with the money she raised on her run to Augusta. After 2 days of Black Mambazo's beat the men from the hamburger stall offered to pay for a change of tape! Once their coins were dropped into Reg, I happily obliged with the soothing sounds of Enya. Maureen who also manned the stall for a couple of hours, helped me pack up at the end of the Festival.

The sun was setting, the Hills Airborne Division took off in V formation for night reconnaissance and I drove the car, packed to the roof, off the oval. As the wheels bounced off the curb, the coins in Reg clinked and shifted. SAVE FOUNDATION now had \$600 more to spend on urgently needed equipment. It's not a great deal I know, but it might mean a floodlight where there was darkness, and that might mean that in Zimbabwe, in a year or two they may be celebrating the birth of a rhino. And that's what it's all about, after all.

Dee Musson

# SAVE DINNER - THE ABBEY RESTAURANT, GLEBE, 7TH FEBRUARY

**SAVE (NSW) has held its very first function to raise funds for the ever-increasing needs of the rangers of the Zimbabwe Parks Department in their fight to combat poaching.**

Despite short notice, we accepted the generous offer of Giuseppe Carlo of the "Abbey Restaurant" in historic Glebe, Sydney, as a venue for this very special Inaugural Event. (Zena Lynch, hard working SAVE enthusiast from W.A., had been spreading the word about SAVE's efforts!). This beautiful restaurant, actually a converted abbey, lent itself wonderfully to our "Memories of Africa" Dinner, with its gracious setting, grand stone architecture and glamorous atmosphere. We requested as many people as possible to dress in the era of the 1920's in East Africa, when such famous gathering places as the Muthaiga Club and Norfolk Hotel in

Nairobi were the centres of social events, made famous to a much wider audience in "Out of Africa," the film made from Karen Blixen's great saga. Indeed, most people looked suitably attired in the glittering clothes of the era. Rosemount Estate generously donated a case of their excellent wine for "Best Dressed" of the evening which Niki Barlow deservedly won, looking stunning in glittery black. Giuseppe Carlo was not forgotten, being presented by Zena Lynch a "Save A Horny Friend T-Shirt" for his generosity to SAVE. The Lucky Door Prize winners also received the much-in-demand T-Shirts!

The gathering of 120 sipped champagne, dined on the delicious three course dinner, served by so-attendant waiters, and danced the night away. During the course of the evening we were entertained by the fantastic comedienne, Annette Law, with her very funny impersonations of the powerful and famous. We were most fortunate to have as our special guest, Major General Joseph Musomba, High Commissioner for Kenya, who gave a fascinating brief on Kenya's present commitment to helping stamp out poaching of rhino and elephant — and a clear message from President Daniel Moi that Africa must realise the economic potential and necessity of preserving its wildlife for all to see. Everyone was very impressed with the Major-General's own personal commitment to assisting the preservation of endangered animals everywhere, and to SAVE's efforts in Australia and worldwide. His contribution to the evening was a great success and we thank him again for his valuable time.



Some of the NSW SAVE Committee (Left to Right): Stephen Ward, Susan Bernasconi, Pauline MacRauld and Janey James.



Undoubtedly the highlight of the evening was the much-awaited auction. Right from the earliest viewing of many of the exciting African items, there was much interest in who would be the lucky bidders. Our expert auctioneer impatiently awaiting his opportunity to begin! We were lucky to be able to have Nicholas at our first function, and greatly appreciated his words during the evening, updating us on SAVE's activities in W.A., and also the progress in Zimbabwe preventing poaching and supporting the wildlife rangers there.

It is obvious that time is indeed running out for the black rhino, as the population rapidly dwindles to below 3,000, and everyone that evening was made aware of the urgency of our efforts.

The generosity of all present and the sincerity of their support was immediately evident as the auction commenced — a wonderful selection of African soapstone carvings, some generously presented by Major-General Musomba, from Kenya; some fascinating pieces of carved stone rhinos and heads and the celebrated ironwood from Zimbabwe's Lake Kariba area, David Shepherd prints, books with wonderful photography, hand woven cloths and the popular sisal bags. Sydney's African Heritage Gallery via committee



Ian and Barbara Chappell with Nicholas Duncan, at the Abbey Restaurant.

member, Stewart Cooper, donated a wonderful seated rhino which prompted much discussion, also a large dynamic painting by Susan Marler, eventually, after spirited bidding, was sold for \$850.00. It is thanks to all concerned, Nicholas particularly, and the ever persistent David Butcher from the R.S.P.S.A., that we at the time of writing look to have made approximately \$6,000 from the auction! We have already arranged, via the kind offer of one of our supporters, for some much-needed Yamaha outboard motor spare parts to be delivered to Zimbabwe (See Stephen Ward's story).



This has been a most successful function for SAVE (NSW), not only in terms of the funds raised, which will enable SAVE to purchase an outboard motor and possibly other desperately needed equipment, but also in terms of the strong expressions of support and enthusiasm generated before, during and especially after the event. SAVE's efforts can only be enhanced by the support of as many people as possible for all our future functions, of which we hope there will be many, and of course by the hard work and back-up of our committee here in New South Wales. Without their help, and particularly that of Stephen Ward, this function would certainly not have been the success it was.

To all those people who supported SAVE so generously during the evening, a very big thank you, and we hope to let you know soon of our next big event!

Susan Bernasconi  
Treasurer SAVE (NSW)

## VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Recently I was browsing through one of my favourite books on Africa called "Zambesi" and I came across a paragraph which I now quote.

"In addition the poachers are being hunted by the best bush fighters available. A brave policy of shoot on sight has been declared. The organisations behind the trade routes are being exposed. Yet the high rewards still lure the poachers to steal across the river from the north. More men, more resources, more joint operations with governments and law enforcing agencies and more exposure of the middle-men are required. Expensive, frustrating and dangerous, the campaign can still be won."

This quote lead me into thinking about SAVE Australia and a new wave of support for the 1990's — apart from our fund-raising for the

equipment needed, we could perhaps set about spending money in other areas in Zimbabwe, helping the various organisations with campaigns to expose the middle-men. Perhaps, assist the law enforcing agencies in some way and see if we can get local business people more involved.

I believe apathy is everywhere and awareness important, so if some hard hitting campaigns were to be undertaken — the odds are that some locals would respond. Who knows what help could be obtained. Any comments or suggestions from our members?

Marion Bowers  
VICE PRESIDENT

## NEW SOUTH WALES REPORT

### SYDNEY'S "GIRAFFE MAN" HELPS BLACK RHINO

When I rang Ken De La Coeur to invite him to our launch of the NSW Branch at the Abbey Restaurant, he said that he would be unable to attend but that he would be happy to donate a wooden giraffe from his shop at 430 King St, Newtown for the evening's auction.

He imports these giraffes from native carvers in Hwange National Park, Zimbabwe and mentioned that he was flying to Harare a few days after the dinner.

A generous bid was made at the auction by cricket commentator Ian Chappell's wife, Barbara, of \$350 which secured the item.

This was a sizeable contribution to the cost of some urgently required Yamaha outboard motor spares which I purchased and delivered to Ken's shop, along with half a dozen highlighting pens.

Ken's flight to Zimbabwe was two days later assuring a quick and safe passage of these spares to the mechanic working for the Department of National Parks and Wildlife, all this in less than a week after the auction!

Thus, through the generosity of our "Giraffe Man" we had the satisfaction of making the first contribution of equipment from NSW to helping the preservation of the black rhino. Stephen Ward

## WILDLIFE LOVERS

Why not spend a holiday watching the animals you are helping to save? Join a small group for 3 weeks of adventure in October 1990 — canoeing down the Zambezi and walking in Mana and Matusadona National Parks. Bush camping all the way!

Contact Jan on 362 5957 after 6.30pm for more info.



# BLACK RHINO CHALLENGE CRICKET TROPHY

## \$25,000 RAISED



Dennis Lillee receiving the silver bowling award kindly donated by Patrick Mavros



(above) Glenn Tatham (Chief Warden), David Gower, Steve Rhodes, Nicholas Duncan and Clive Rice

This proved to be the SAVE FOUNDATION's most innovative project to date as it involved organising a World Invitation XI, captained by David Gower, to play against a Zimbabwe Invitation XI of current and former Test players, the game being played in Harare on 1 April. Along the way, there were many headaches and difficulties but everything came to an incredible climax when the players walked on to the field at 9.30 on Saturday morning. This was a dream come true for the organiser.

A total of some \$35,000 worth of sponsored services had to be raised to allow this event to take place, and our special thanks go to our major sponsors:

**Zimbabwe Sun Hotels**, who provided accommodation and safaris for the players and their wives; **British Airways** and **Air Zimbabwe** who flew the players and their wives from England and South Africa; **BHP Minerals Zimbabwe**, **Delta Gold**, **Cementation Zimbabwe**, **Cementation South Africa** and **Niagara Therapy Manufacturing**, all of whom sponsored some airfares; **Hyundai Motor Company Zimbabwe**, **Leopard Rock Hotel** and **American Airlines**, who jointly provided the press advertisements for the match; and **National Breweries**, who donated the TV commercials for last minute promotion.

Without this corporate support the match would have been totally impossible. Thank you again.

Included in the World Invitation XI were some great legends of international cricket, including David Gower, Dennis Lillee, Greg Chappell, Mike Procter and Clive Rice. They were joined by the current England wicket-keeper Steve Rhodes, Matthew Maynard and Rob Bailey, both former English Test players, and Hugh Page and Roy Pienaar, both former South African Test cricketers and Clayton Lambert from the West Indies. The Zimbabwe team was captained by their former great player, John Traicos, and included five current Test players and five former ones, many of whom toured Australia earlier this year.

In the morning session the Zimbabwe side made 229-9 off their 50 overs. Opener Grant Flower top scored with 71 off 103 balls, Ali Shah made 45 off 65 balls and Alistair Campbell, who hit two sixes and two fours, scored 49 off 54 balls. Dennis Lillee, the great Australian fast bowler, was incisive in his opening spell and took the vital wicket of Zimbabwe Test captain, Andy Fowler, with the second ball of the match. Lillee finished with 1 for 20 off 8 overs and took the bowler's prize. Mike Procter thrilled the crowd with the last ball of his tenth over, coming in off his long run with his typical "windmill" action.

Set 230 for victory, David Gower's side were well on course to cause an upset when handily placed on 175-3 in the 38th over, with South African batsman, Roy Pienaar, and former Australian great, Greg Chappell, going strongly. They had put on 86 for the fourth wicket, when the match turned on its head

### SCOREBOARD

Zimbabwe Invitation XI: 229-9;  
G Flower 71, A Campbell 49,  
A Shah 45, D Lillee 1-20, R Bailey 2-47,  
M Procter 2-55.

World Invitation XI: 219;  
R Pienaar 85, G Chappell 44, D Gower 39,  
H Streak 4-14, M Jarvis 3-42, P Strang 2-36,  
J Traicos 1-34.

Greg Chappell, Mike Procter & Dennis Lillee leading out the World Invitation XI



after the fall of three wickets for two runs in consecutive overs. Pienaar, who was awarded the batsman of the match prize for his dashing 103 ball 85 which included three sixes and six fours, and Chappell (44) both went in Zimbabwe spinner Paul Strang's over and when former legend, Mike Procter, flashed outside the off stump and touched one behind off the next over from Heath Streak the die was cast.

The World Invitation side, for whom former England skipper, Gower, played a superb 39, were finally bowled out for 219 in the last over with Streak finishing with 4-14 off nine overs to win the man of the match award. The best fielder's accolade was won by Andy Flower, the Zimbabwe wicket keeper.

Special thanks must go to Matthew Streeton of Contact International (Harare), who with the committee from the Cricket Section of Harare Sports Club, and the Mashonaland Cricket Association, took responsibility for all the work that needed doing in the preparation and promotion of this match. Without them none of the above would have been possible.

World renowned silver sculptor, and good friend and SAVE FOUNDATION supporter, Patrick Mavros, donated a magnificent solid silver rhino and calf, mounted on an ebony base, as the Black Rhino Challenge Trophy. This is currently held by John Traicos. All the other performance awards were also very kindly donated by Patrick from his silver collection. Thank you so much, it was greatly appreciated by all the winners.

It was a pleasure for a charity match to be played so competitively, yet enjoyably, and the SAVE FOUNDATION extends sincere thanks to all the players and their wives, sponsors and organisers for donating their services for this magnificent event. It proved to be so popular amongst those involved and the cricketing public, that plans are well under way for it to become an annual event. The combination of the dinner/auction hosted by David Gower, and the proceeds from the cricket match, resulted in ZIM\$150,000 (AU\$25,000) being paid into the David Gower Rhino Fund held by a firm of solicitors in Harare. So far, ZIM\$50,000 has been allocated to projects in Matusadona IPZ, and ZIM\$20,000 to research work in the field, in Matopos IPZ and Sinarmetalia IPZ. The highlight of the auction was the keen bidding for a leather-bound, deluxe limited edition, personally autographed copy of the fabulous book, "Images of Bradman" which sold for ZIM\$10,000 (thanks John Smith from Zimbabwe Sun Hotels). This book, together with two others, was most kindly donated by Peter Allen, of the publishers, Allen and Kemsley Publishing.

On the weekend of February 11/12, eight Victorian SAVE FOUNDATION members met up with SAVE FOUNDATION of Australia President, Nicholas Duncan, and members from NSW, QLD, and even Coober Pedy. It was great to meet members from other states, and put faces to names. The discussions amongst the various branches resulted in a recognition of our common purposes - preservation of the rhino — and a resolution to keep each other informed as to our various activities. The Victorian SAVE FOUNDATION has already sent the minutes of its last meeting to other States.

The most memorable aspect of the weekend of course, was the chance to see the rhinos up close — to even touch them. I know I speak on behalf of all who were there that the experience is not easily translated into words, but left us in awe, and with even greater respect for these wonderful animals. Our thanks again to the staff of Western Plains Zoo for the warmth with which we were received.

We all welcomed Richard Pascall from Gourlays Rhino Project in Zimbabwe and he explained how his operation has progressed and thanked the SAVE FOUNDATION for their contribution with Motorola radio equipment. It was great for everyone to have a chance to meet one of our beneficiaries and Richard was most impressed with the facilities at Western Plains Zoo.

Newly inspired, the Victorian SAVE FOUNDATION is embarking on a membership drive. I urge Victorian members to use their local area or their workplace to publicise the SAVE FOUNDATION. We will be sending our new membership forms shortly. If every member signs up one more member, then we could double Victoria's membership — our goal for 1995.

The date for our AGM is Wednesday 21 June and it will take place at 15 Dendy Street, Brighton, and all members and their friends are



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asked to make a big effort to attend so that plans can be made for the various ways in which the Victorian branch can contribute to the overall SAVE FOUNDATION fund-raising activities for the next year.

The Victorian branch of the SAVE FOUNDATION is also holding a rhino ball — black tie — on Friday 6th October at Prahran Town Hall. Seating will be on circular tables of 12. Note the date in your diary, and round up your friends for a great night out, and raising money for the continued protection of the black rhinoceros! More details will follow.

Susan Pennicuik

## SOUTH AUSTRALIAN DINNER / AUCTION

On Friday 27 April, 50 SAVE FOUNDATION members and their friends gathered at the Patawalonga Motel, Glenelg (thanks to Vicki Rawlins for organising the facilities) for the first public function of the South Australian branch of the SAVE FOUNDATION. The special guests of the evening were Mark Bickley of the Adelaide Crows, James Brayshaw from the South Australian cricket team and Marisa Romeo, the Australian netball player. It was a most enjoyable evening and credit goes to Daryl Heath and his organising committee for making all the necessary arrangements for this inaugural event. A lovely dinner was followed by an address to the guests by Nicholas Duncan, and then a variety of stone carvings, prints and other items were auctioned. The final tally for the evening was a very creditable \$5,000 profit and plans are already under way for this money to be spent on two smallish projects in Zimbabwe.

Amongst the happy purchasers were Ed and Margaret McAllister from Adelaide Zoo, the Pearson family, Brett Rawlins, Lyn & John King, the Bickley family and Roger Mardell. Also enjoying the evening were David Langdon (Monarto Zoo) and Adrian Achatz



(Achatz & Co Auditors). We thank Helen Elder from Elder Fine Art Gallery, Geoff Brooks, Kari Allen (Explorer Travel) and Mary Martin Bookshop for their donations of framed prints and books.

## GOLD FORUM DINNER

Randol Gold Conference '95 hosted a dinner for delegates at the Kings Park Restaurant on Thursday, 16 March.

Our sincere thanks goes to American businessman Hans von Michaelis of Randol International Ltd for allowing us to hold an auction during the dinner, which raised over \$5,000. Particularly generous in support were Harry Linge, David Menne, Graham Lloyd and Terry Kahler. We hope you enjoy your carvings and silver, and that they remind you of the good work being done in

Zimbabwe by the SAVE FOUNDATION.

Randol's publicity company in Colorado offers to give free editorial support to any exploration or mining company and/or any mining supplier that makes a donation of US\$5,000 or more to the SAVE FOUNDATION.

Thanks also to Carrie Prior, Christine Baker and Lyndal Adams for their assistance on the night of the auction.

Marion Bowers

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We hope, of course, that SAVE FOUNDATION members and readers of the NEWSLETTER will take time to read the sponsors' list and to reciprocate by supporting them whenever possible.

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## ZIMBABWE UPDATE

The past fifteen months have been the most positive in the last decade for Zimbabwe rhino conservation. No deaths from poaching have been reported, though a few rhinos have died from natural causes. However, even better news is that quite a large number of calves have been born, in National Parks and on private land. The SAVE FOUNDATION has been very active during this time and has made major contributions in different parts of Zimbabwe. More than \$100,000 worth of donated items have been freighted to Zimbabwe and distributed to various projects.

Now that the Rhino Conservation Strategy has been fully implemented, the results are becoming apparent. The black rhinos are now in four Conservancies and two satellite breeding areas as well as the four Intensive Protection Zones (IPZ) within the National Parks. There are still a few stragglers in one or two isolated areas of the National Parks and these will be captured in July and taken to the appropriate IPZ.

No-one can be sure why poaching has ceased, but we imagine it is due to a combination of the following factors. Firstly, in 1991/92, there was an extensive programme of dehorning with all but about a dozen rhinos going under the vet's chainsaw. It is now time for a second "trimming" as the horn regrows at about 3 inches per year. The second factor is that of increased protection forces in the field, namely the security forces (Army and Police), National Parks scouts and rangers and the private Conservancy scouts. Of great significance has been their expert training during the past sixteen months, under a programme sponsored by Rhino Rescue Trust of UK, under the guidance of Colonel Lionel Dyck in Zimbabwe and Count Maurice Coreth in England. Wherever their teams of men appear, there is a marked improvement in the efficiency of the local scouts. This has happened both in the National Parks and on private land and is undoubtedly a great project that must be continued.

Our greatest expenditure in the last year has been on radio collars for the rhinos and the tracking equipment to go with it. The collars are purchased in Arizona, USA, and are quite expensive at about \$500 each. We have provided 40 of these together with the sophisticated tracking equipment, and the recently-donated multiscanners have really made life much easier for the research officers in the field, in particular Stewart Towindo and Million Malakele at Sinamatella and Paul Woods at Matusadona. They are now able to tune in to several rhino frequencies at once, rather than a single frequency as was previously the case.

Motorola field radios and base sets have been our next greatest

expenditure (with \$25,000) and Sinamatella and Matopos are now fully equipped, as is the Midlands Rhino Conservancy and Gourlays Rhino Project. The radios are vital equipment in the field, and these supplies can only improve the efficiency of the whole network.

Well over \$20,000 has been spent on purchasing various spare parts and engines for trucks and vehicles, particularly for refurbishing one of our Landcruisers and also a Bedford truck. We are indebted to Cyril Groombridge of Sussex, who for the second time, has donated 60 used 4-wheel drive tyres and inner tubes from his Landrover reconditioning business. They have been generously transported to Gatwick Airport by Nick Simmuds of Burnt Oak Haulage. Our thanks go to Affretair and Qantas for their assistance with air cargo from London and Perth respectively. Because of the nature of the fieldwork there is an ongoing requirement for adequate spare parts and this has been a big part of the SAVE FOUNDATION's involvement in recent years. Now that exchange control regulations have been relaxed in Zimbabwe it is easier for imported goods to be available in Harare and our locally-raised funds can be put to good use with purchases in Africa.

There was a severe water crisis in Hwange last August and September due to a poor rainy season during the previous summer. Due to insufficient spare parts the pumps at the waterholes were becoming inoperative and our Foundation was happy to be able to spend \$8,000 on purchasing vital bits and pieces for their replenishment. Through the last rainy season, most of these pumps have now been rebuilt and are just coming back into use now that the rains have stopped.

We provided quite a bit of field equipment, both for Zimbabwe and Namibia, with sleeping bags, ponchos and water bottles being donated to Etosha for their patrol work, partly courtesy of Joyce Nicholson, who kindly made a substantial donation after her 1993 SAVE FOUNDATION safari. During the past twelve months we have also made substantial gifts of used clothing to the men and their families of Sinamatella, Matusadona and Matopos.

Another major expenditure was on three outboard motors for patrol work on Lake Kariba and these were handed over during the August safari last year.

We are sponsoring the salary for the Conservator for the Midlands Rhino Conservancy, and his role will be to co-ordinate between the sixteen farms within the Project.

In recent weeks we have made arrangements for the purchase of twelve new rhino radio collars and the repair of 34 of them which have been damaged in the field. Also, we have purchased 60 backpacks and 100 pairs of boots so that the men can go on extended 14-day patrols in Sinamatella and Matusadona.

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is again given of the Eighth Annual General Meeting of the SAVE FOUNDATION of Australia (Inc) to be held at the Lower Pavilion, Royal King's Park Tennis Club at 7.30pm on Wednesday, 14 June 1995.

#### Business:

1. Acceptance of the Minutes from the Seventh Annual General Meeting held on 14 June, 1994.
2. President's Report.
3. Treasurer's Report.
4. Election of Committee.
5. Any Other Business.

#### Please Note:

Nomination forms for positions on the Executive, together with proxy forms, are available from the SAVE FOUNDATION office in Perth. Under the Constitution nominations will close at 7.30pm on Friday, 9 June 1995.

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