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OVER \$500,000 EQUIPMENT TO ZIMBABWE

We are proud to announce that in our first 6½ years we have purchased and donated equipment at a cost of more than \$500,000 with a retail value considerably higher. This is a major milestone for SAVE (Australia), and to all our loyal supporters, members, sponsors and administrators, we offer our sincerest appreciation. To all our readers and members in WA, NSW, Qld, Vic and South Australia, our warmest thanks for the support that you have shown through your local branch. Thanks also to the coordinators of SAVE within each state.

The support that SAVE (Australia) gives to the Zimbabwe National Parks is appreciated by all those involved in the rhino battle, from the Minister of Environment and Tourism, the Director of National Parks, the Chief Warden, right through the ranks to the scouts in the field. They are all aware of our major contribution over the past six years. SAVE (Australia) is one of the most active international NGOs (Non Government Organizations) in rhino conservation in Zimbabwe and our name is held in high esteem, both in Australia and Southern Africa.

This landmark of half a million dollars has been achieved by volunteers giving their time freely and willingly, despite having full-time jobs. While we do not have major corporate sponsors contributing large sums of money, we are generously supported by a number of firms which provide products and services at a reduced rate (see page 7), for which your Executive is most grateful.

We apologise for the late arrival of this newsletter and offer no excuses other than the pressures of daily commitments. We feel sure you will understand.

As some readers may be new to the problems of rhino conservation within Africa, perhaps it is fitting to summarise the major changes in rhino numbers during the past two decades.

In 1972, there were 65,000 black rhinos roaming the plains of Africa; the figure is now down to 1,900, representing a 97 per cent decline. Black rhinos have been all but decimated in Kenya, Tanzania, Zambia,

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Mozambique and now remain in Zimbabwe, Namibia and South Africa (Kenya is now holding steady). In the same time, the numbers of white rhinos (indigenous to South Africa) have sharply risen from 300 to 5,800, clear evidence of the success of good management policies and intensive breeding programmes. Let's hope the same strategies can save the endangered black rhino.

Our aid has mainly gone to the rhinos of Zimbabwe, whose numbers have decreased from 2,500 to approximately 260 in the past eight years. It has been a desperate fight to save the black rhino in Zimbabwe, with the animals under constant attack from determined poachers. Fortunately, activity has slowed down in the last six months and we are now optimistic that this breathing space can be put to good use (see Zimbabwe Update).

The 13-month period January 1993 to January 1994 has been our most productive ever, with over \$160,000 raised through various functions. Since the last newsletter in September, we have had three showings of the fantastic film "Flight of the Rhino", in Perth, Melbourne and Adelaide.

The Perth and Melbourne events both raised approximately \$7000 mainly through the auction of carvings and the sale of T-shirts and memberships. The Adelaide event raised approximately \$1000 — without the auction. The Perth Show also chipped in with an overall figure of \$10,000, less our expenses, and the SAVE safari in October/November was an outstanding success, with 18 people enjoying Etosha Pan, Okavango Delta, Victoria Falls, Hwange National Park, Matusadona, Luangwa Valley and Harare, and contributing greatly to our SAVE Donation Fund. Two exclusive SAVE safaris in August and October will be conducted this year and we invite you to consider these very seriously as they are a wonderful opportunity to fully

appreciate what is happening in Africa.

We started 1994 with a gala dinner in Perth, featuring some of the world's great cricketers, past and present, and raising \$32,000 for our cause.

Most of these funds have been spent in providing equipment to Zimbabwe, including hand-held radios and base sets, radio repeater links, solar panels and batteries, torches, binoculars, other items of personal kit, and the ever-in-demand spare parts for vehicles. For the past two years we have been collecting secondhand clothes for the families of game scouts, and recently QANTAS Airways very generously donated 700kgs of freight, saving us the normal retail charges of about \$5000. To Wayne Lytton and Terry Duke, we extend a very big "thank you".

We welcome all our new members in South Australia, who joined as a result of our film evening in Adelaide. We have high hopes for South Australian members, based on the enthusiasm of those who committed themselves to establishing a branch; thanks to those of you who are "making it happen".

When Save African Endangered Wildlife Foundation (Australia) was formed in 1987, we were able to call upon the advice and assistance of Ingrid Schroeder and Babette Alfieri, President and Vice-President respectively, of SAVE USA. It was their help and encouragement in the early days that enabled SAVE (Australia) to become the body it is today. Your Executive feels that our track record speaks for itself and that we have earned the right to be an independent association: hence we are making the recommendation at our Annual General Meeting on June 12 to establish a new identity, SAVE FOUNDATION OF AUSTRALIA, with a new rhino logo. Ingrid, Babette and Lucy Welford (Coordinator SAVE, Zimbabwe), we thank you for your support and encouragement over the years and feel sure that we will all continue to work towards the same goal; rhino conservation in Southern Africa.

Nicholas S. Duncan
President

BLACK RHINO CONSERVANCIES UPDATE

The private black rhino Conservancies and select game ranches have the enormous responsibility of safe-guarding the majority of Zimbabwe's remaining black rhino — over 160 of these animals. There is a great sense of urgency — a race against time — to prepare themselves for poaching onslaughts. Unfortunately, the Zimbabwean Government is not in a position to assist, and the Conservancies are expected to muster their own resources and finances to save Zimbabwe's special heritage — the black rhino.

SAVE acknowledges the awesome responsibility of the Conservancies. As a result of the fact-finding mission to Zimbabwe last year, we commenced allocating some funds to purchase vital anti-poaching equipment for these dedicated groups, and will continue to do so — to fight the fight wherever the rhinos are.

Currently, 25 per cent of funds raised by SAVE are used to help these rhinos. However, at a SAVE general meeting on January 30 this year, by far the majority of members indicated to the committee that the funding should be logically increased to 50 per cent because the bulk of rhinos are on the Conservancies.

Initially, SAVE has focussed on assisting the Midlands Black Rhino Conservancy — which has its own Constitution and consists of a group of 20 ranches forming an area of 256,000 hectares. It is difficult to single out individuals within the Midlands Conservancy — they are dedicated custodians and all have a fierce desire to safeguard their rhino. Michelle Berens (their Secretary) and Nick O'Connor keep us regularly informed with news, meeting updates, photographs and statistics, while a couple of other members whom we had the pleasure of meeting last year — Peter and Jayne Seymour-Smith and Janet and Sam Chambliss — share the joy they experience through observing rhino on their properties.

One of the "characters" of the Conservancy is a female black rhino called "Rozalinde" who, although hand-reared, now lives happily in the wild within the Conservancy, whilst allowing Midlands' humans an insight into her world. She was successfully hand-reared by Dee Gilpin, but currently Sam and Janet Chambliss have the pleasure of her company and anxiously watch over her well-being.

To their delight "Rozalinde" is being courted by the handsome wild male "Tapera", and Janet describes the relationship as "perfect" . . .

"She calls. He answers.
She eats. He watches.
She sleeps. He guards.
She leaves. He follows."

There are similar stories of rhino courtship reported from the Conservancy: "Jenaes", mother of 1½ year old "Georgina" has the handsome suitor, "Don". "Tapiwa", a young female, is receiving loving attention from "Tangarina" . . . and so on. The rhino numbers will increase if only the anti-poaching protection is there!

It is probably difficult for SAVE Newsletter readers, who have not been lucky enough to visit Zimbabwe and meet these special people, to fully understand their task. Hopefully, by printing photographs and snippets of relevant rhino happenings in each newsletter, it will become more personal and interesting.

In future editions there will be news of "Bubiana", "Save Valley" and other rhino custodians.

Following are excerpts from letters received by SAVE from these rhino protectors:

From Peter and Jayne Seymour-Smith (14.2.94)

"We have recently taken delivery of four hand-held radios donated to us by SAVE. These radios will be a great boon to us and it means that we are now in touch with all the other rhino custodians in the Midlands . . ."

"Thank you and all SAVE fund-raisers again and again for all your support, we really appreciate it. Rhinos fat and flourishing as of now."

From Nick O'Connor (18.10.93)

"Please convey our thanks to your donors from the Midlands Conservancy members. Equipping the scouts with quality equipment will boost their morale. The ranchers' morale will be boosted by knowing that we are not alone."

From Michelle Berens (10.3.94)

"Good news! We have finally received the radios, chargers, batteries, binoculars and torches. The scouts are going to be thrilled with their new equipment! THANK YOU! I am sending photographs of scouts with their radios!"

Ken and Dianne Drummond — "Bubiana Conservancy" (2.10.93)

"... a heavy burden is being placed on the Conservancies, with the rhinos' hope of survival lying squarely on our shoulders. Our resources continue to be stretched to the limits but the determination to keep the rhinos alive still



Midlands Black Rhino Conservancy Members

survives! We would be most appreciative if you could collect the clothing . . ."

(3.3.94)
"... we really appreciate the efforts made to not only collect the clothing, but arrange for it to be packed, shipped and cleared this end for us. Since being in this 'rhino game' we found that out of the many players there are, as in most situations, the talkers and the doers, and SAVE very definitely falls in to the latter category."

Quote from Nick O'Connor's speech at the film premier "Chipembere — The Last Days" — in Harare, 17.12.93.

"On behalf of the Midlands Conservancy I would like to take this opportunity to thank the President, the Honourable Robert Mugabe and the Minister, Dr Herbert Murerwa for giving us the opportunity of being selected as custodians to the rhino . . ."

"We in the Conservancies have been lucky because Parks have taken the brunt of the poaching onslaught. Our time has come and we



"Rozalinde"



"Rozalinde" and "Tapera"

are ill prepared. The de-horning exercise was to buy time. It has not worked. Ladies and gentlemen, we are at war!"

"I am frightened . . . not just for the lives of the ranchers and their scouts, but because we might fail you . . ."

"We cannot save the rhino alone. It has to be a team effort. We must combine . . ."

by Cheryl Davenport

More from the Midland Conservancies, page 3 ►

THE DEVIL MINDS OF MAN



OH-MUH! We Twinspring workers crying for the world, Wildlife and Natural Resouces, we say to you all where ever you are in the world, why do you take in your cogitation such a devil cogitation? We say this to everyone who is in what ever deep cogitation of what we call Devil Minds of Man.

Why do you devil minded people do these kinds of things to animals which your sons and daughters of tomorrow shall see and tell their youngsters. Who ever thinks what ever he or she is cogitating is good, help us try to show you the good lights of your Natural Resouse or environment. If you are the person we are meanning with the word "Devil Minded Man" try not to kill the good and kindly animal. So let us say if you were you whom some-one who is just the same like what you are cogitating kills you and take your two foot not the legs but two foots only what shall you think?

So people of the world lets try to voice our minds deep. Why do you kill this good, attractive and harmless animal, just for its horn which it was given by God. That some as your hands and feet which also God gave you. So please we a trying to show you the good road to the new world. We say to you all who live in stone hauses, pole and mud huts, caves and brick house in this world try by all means to change your devil minds and cogitate on the feature of your children tomorrow. Please there is no need of telling your children unmirthful stories of this animal (the rhino) but to try to save its life for our children so see with their necked eyes as what our four-fathers did to us.

So we Twinspring workers we say to you all devil Minded people world wide let us work together to save the rhino life please.

By
Douglas Shorty



NOTE: This was given to me by Douglas yesterday. It is written on brown wrapping paper and so I cannot photocopy it. It is decorated kind of like I have shown here and by rounding off the corners.

Douglas' job is to watch our rhino. He follows them, keeps a notebook and sometimes sketches them. He needs some field glasses and other gear but his enthusiasm is boundless.

I would not presume to change what he has written.

WHO SAYS AFRICANS DON'T CARE ABOUT WILDLIFE?

Sam Chambliss, Twin Springs, October 20, 1993
Midlands Black Rhino Conservancy

SNIPPETS

One of the many letters received from young SAVE member, David Box, who frequently sends donations out of his pocket money.

"Thank you for writing back. Could you please answer a question of mine. How many black rhinos are there left in the world today? I went to Werribe Zoo one day and they had rhinos there, but they weren't black rhinos. My sister took a couple of pictures of the rhinos for me. And also could you answer another question? What other animals does SAVE help?

I would like to say that I think all of the people involved with SAVE are heroes, and here is another \$5 for the black rhino.

Please write back."

David Box



Caron Musson, Rhino Run 1993.

Caron was the terrific girl who ran from Perth to Augusta last year to raise funds for the rhino. Caron handed a cheque for \$6000 to SAVE!

THANKYOU

Susannah Thomas, decided to use one of the acrylic rhino money boxes from the SAVE office to raise funds in the Kalamunda Shopping Centre, and now has a cheque for the amount of \$1,081.20 to be put to use for the rhino.

Thankyou Susannah!

SAVE SEEKS SPIELBERG SUPPORT



SAVE Executive: Margaret Prior, Cheryl Davenport, Nicholas Duncan, John Coombes and Guy Tristram

With the incredible success of "Jurassic Park" and all associated dinosaur paraphernalia, SAVE believes that Steven Spielberg should be aware of a major species that is far too close to extinction for comfort.

Two of our new members, Nic and Rikki Kebbell, very kindly offered to design and produce an idea aimed at catching Steven Spielberg's attention, from the midst of numerous other charitable requests. Using creativity and handcraft skills, Nic and Rikki proudly presented to SAVE a "tombstone", carved from Western Australian wood, depicting the birth of the black rhino (some 50 million years ago) and its imminent demise. This is a work of art and, together with the "Flight of the Rhino" video and a letter of introduction, the "package" has been airfreighted to Los Angeles at nominal cost by QANTAS.

We hope Steven Spielberg is able to find the time to study the attached information, and we have sought a one-hour meeting with him. We are confident he will become aware of the plight of the rhino and at least make himself available for discussion.

Our thanks go to Nic and Rikki for their brilliant idea and input into this project.

SAVE SAFARI '93

On the morning of Sunday 17 October, 18 weary bodies assembled at Joburg airport from various points on the globe, including four states of Australia and Hong Kong. After copious cups of coffee and a surreptitious "sussing-out" of one another, we proceeded to the departure gate, bound for Windhoek in Namibia.

At the Kalahari Sands Hotel, thoughts of warm showers and a change of clothes became a reality. We were immensely impressed with the clean wide streets of Windhoek and spent a pleasant evening, high above the town in an old fort, at a local fundraising event. It had been a long day and we were not sorry to "hit the sack". Our adventure in darkest Africa had begun.

Rather than giving a blow-by-blow account of the safari, I will focus on the highlights. Suffice to say, Nicholas had chosen well with the itinerary, and our accommodation was varied but always above the expected standard: some rustic, some quite palatial, but all had private facilities, comfortable, clean beds, and we were well looked after by our hosts and their helpers. The food was plentiful and suited all tastes, including vegetarian, while drinks were included in most places — which added to our "at-home" feeling.

Perhaps Delta Camp in the heart of the Okavango Delta (Botswana) was the most memorable. We were now quite comfortable with each other and were represented by all decades: the youngest just 18 and the oldest having reached the wise, youthful age of 74.

Transportation along the meandering waterways was by the traditional 'mokoro' (dug-out canoe). Each couple had their own helper who attended to our rudimentary needs, ferried us to the "swimming hole" and local village, and supplied pieces of wood from which to fashion "cricket bats".



Okavango mokoros

On the last evening we divided into teams — basically Australia versus UK — and played a very professional game of cricket, at least up to international standard (!) on the extremely primitive dirt runway (can't imagine how planes, albeit small ones, land in the rainy season).

At the risk of monopolising the newsletter, I must mention the main reason we embarked on this, the most glorious and unique safari — incredible beasts, seen in the flesh, heretofore, only in zoos by most of us. These we viewed from aloft as we flew at low level, along the roadsides, at waterholes, some even checking that we were all in bed after long and exciting days! You will notice I have

not mentioned the rhino — yes, we did see a goodly number of these surviving dinosaurs, but we now know that the real horror of the greatly depleted number can only be realised on a trip such as this.

We were privy to behind the scenes ventures that commercial tours cannot possibly offer: super-interesting talks by park rangers, drives to generally inaccessible areas, visits to an anthrax lab and museums. There were early morning walks with enthusiastic rangers, and extras such as a flight over Victoria Falls, climbing aloft a "boma" to view captured rhinos being nurtured for eventual release, and a trip across Lake Kariba by fast motorboats.



Bull elephant in Hwange

At Kariba we witnessed elephants enjoying beauty therapy (mud baths), hippos popping up here and there (generally in groups), and all the other beasts which by now had become quite commonplace — because their appendages and "inners" are not regarded as "health maintaining" (ahem!) by certain nationals. Some of us went fishing on the lake, most of us swam in the middle — away from the crocs and other hungry creatures, and a twilight trip along a spectacular gorge brought yet another fascinating day to a close. Many other incidents could be included in this article but space dictates brevity. Collu-

sion with our hosts at Chokomella at "mixed-up" sleeping arrangements caused consternation, along with much hilarity one evening. On another memorable occasion, six of us were caught in a thunderstorm on a night drive. Somehow our driver got into a "pocket", with the river on one side, and dense trees all around. Night was falling fast. The only way out was blocked by a particularly fractious mother elephant, her fairly new youngster and a couple of menacing teenagers. It was "Charge of the HEAVY brigade" all over again. Yes, we did eventually extricate ourselves. We were feeling a little nervous, to say the least, so the driver (once we reached safer ground) decided that a stiff gin for all was in order.

On the same night another group sadly witnessed the mourning of a baby elephant by its mother and relatives — fortunately caught on video. Towards the end of this most eventful safari we witnessed the utterly spectacular pre-migration ritual of the beautiful carmine bee-eaters along the river bank. Annually they gather along the bank, using ancient "burrows" before flying off to Madagascar for the summer.

A formal dinner around the hotel pool was a delightful way to spend our last night together. This was followed by an auction, which raised a considerable sum to aid the rhino. Guests of honour were the Minister for the Environment and Tourism, the Deputy



Awaiting release

Director of Parks, George Pangeti and the Chief Warden, Glenn Tatham.

For some of us, the final day was a trip to Imire to see a game ranch, where we saw rhinos — in the semi wild. One group stayed two days longer, which gave them the opportunity to feed rhinos by hand.

Like all good things, Safari '93 came to an end. Some of us have met again on trips to the east coast, and an exchange of Christmas cards added revenue to the GPO. (Yours truly regrets she was unable to reciprocate because her right hand experienced a couple of hours of surgery and was still in a plaster cast.)

Our sincerest thanks to Nicholas for the mammoth amount of time spent organising the most instructive experience most of us will ever have. Of course, some of us will go again.

Wyn Wyman

SAFARI '94 —

The holiday of a lifetime

This year SAVE is organising two exciting fundraising safaris to Africa, one for three weeks in August, and the other for the last two weeks of October.

Both trips will take in the magnificent Victoria Falls, one of the seven tourist wonders of the world, where accommodation will be at the grand old colonial Victoria Falls Hotel, with its panoramic vista over the 'smoke that thunders'.

Hwange National Park and Matusadona (on the southern shores of Kariba) are home to large herds of elephant, buffalo and other game, as well as the big cats. In Hwange we explore by Landrover and watch at waterholes, while shoreline viewing by boat on Kariba brings us close to hippos and crocodiles.



Sunset boulevard

Something different this year will be three days on a luxury houseboat on Lake Kariba, drifting at leisure under our own rudder.

At Etosha Pan, home to one of the last rhino herds in Africa, we will meet with various Namibian rhino authorities. One of Etosha's main features will be floodlit night viewing of rhino and other game at the waterhole at Okaukuejo.

In the Okavango Delta in Botswana, (always a highlight of our safaris) tranquil dug-out canoe trips along the tributaries provide the ultimate relaxation.

At Imire Game Ranch, on the outskirts of Harare, we admire at close quarters the pre-historic beauty of seven hand-reared orphan rhinos, and take part in their daily feeding. Also present are the rest of the big five — elephant, buffalo, lion and leopard.

Whilst on safari, each day will include two three-hour game drives/walks, three full meals and most drinks. All locations, facilities and personnel are first class, and flights will be by scheduled airline or private charter.

Each destination will include meetings with local conservation personalities.

Both safaris are strictly limited in numbers, and included in the fully-inclusive price is a tax deductible donation to SAVE, enabling equipment to be donated to every venue along the route. Further details on these unique trips are available from Nicholas Duncan (09) 444 1545 (office) or (09) 387 4236 (home).



Mike Procter, Sir Richard Hadlee, Jenny and Kim Hughes.
(Courtesy Greg Keating)

RHINO/CRICKET DINNER A WINNER \$32,000 RAISED

The newly-opened, revamped Kings Park Restaurant, was the venue for SAVE's most important fund-raising event of the year: An Evening with Some Cricket Greats. Commanding magnificent views of the Swan River, it provided an ideal setting for this extremely successful and most enjoyable occasion.

Held on the evening of Sunday 16 January, after the exciting Australia vs South Africa one-day match at the WACA, the function proved enormously successful, both socially and financially, raising an impressive \$32,000. Quite a tidy sum for an event organised from beginning to end in less than two weeks by about the same number of people.



Nicholas Duncan presenting Alan Border with his SAVE T-shirt

The star attractions of the evening were none less than Sir Richard Hadlee, Mike Procter, Kim Hughes and Allan Border. What an honour and a privilege for SAVE! Sir Richard Hadlee, one of fourteen cricketing knights and, at the same time, the world's leading test wicket-taker, together with the Australian Captain and the world's leading test run-scorer, Allan Border, made this an historic occasion. South African, Mike Procter, who was deprived of a potentially brilliant test career, compensated by establishing the world record for six consecutive first-class centuries. Completing our quartet of greats was local hero, Kim Hughes, Perth's first Australian test captain.

Their anecdotal speeches provided a good deal of humour and enjoyment. The night kicked off at 7.30pm with hors d'oeuvres and drinks served in the elegant cocktail-lounge to equally elegant rhino supporters whose sartorial finery was only surpassed by their generous bidding at the ensuing auction, conducted in an enthusiastic and lively manner by Nicholas Duncan.

Despite the energetic pace at which the bidding was conducted, a few remaining items were still going under the hammer in the small hours of Monday morning. At this juncture, undaunted by the rigours of the evening, a few stalwarts were seen being recruited to the cause and taking advantage of the special membership package which entitled them to a reduced-price T-shirt.

Most of the proceeds flowed from the auction of items as varied as stone carvings, African safari packages, paintings and pictures, horse trail rides, a Mackerel Islands holiday and a crate of Castle Lager. There were bargains aplenty for those who managed to keep their wits about them and resist the charms of the liquid refreshments kindly donated by Tucker and Company (on behalf of Nederburg, Klein Constantia and Sable View Wines) and Swan Brewery. The main auction items were two safaris, one of seven and one of 14 days, kindly donated by Zimbabwe Sun Hotels (Victoria Falls Hotel, Hwange Safari Lodge, Bumi Hills and the Monomatapa), Sanyati Lodge, Shearwater Adventures, Iwabe Ranch, Imire Game Ranch and Meikles Hotel. The lucky winning bidders were Michael Cope and Kevin Judge. We hope both winners and their wives thoroughly enjoy their safaris later in the year.

QANTAS Airways again added their generous support by offering upgrades from Economy to Business Class provided that QANTAS was chosen as the international carrier.

Special mention should be made of staunch SAVE supporters, Alan Blood, John Markham, Arthur Prior and Wyn Wyman who again bid generously for carvings, an autographed cricket bat, a Mackerel Islands Holiday and silver sculptures. Among the new faces who were most generous were Alan Matthews, Roger and Stephanie Stroud, June Marr, Tim Gooch, Robert Fletcher and Peter and Jennifer Bradbee. ANDEP Investment Consultancy is extended sincere thanks for financial support for the evening.

Warmest thanks to the 200 odd supporters of the sparkling and memorable evening, who gave unstintingly of their time, effort and energy or money (or all four!) to make this event the undisputed and overwhelming success it was — the best ever SAVE function in Perth.

Susannah Thomas

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is given of the Seventh Annual General Meeting of Save African Endangered Wildlife Foundation (Australian Branch) to be held at the Royal King's Park Tennis Club (Lower Pavilion) at 7.30pm on Tuesday, June 14 1994.

Business: 1. Acceptance of the Minutes from the Sixth Annual General Meeting held on June 29 1993. 2. President's Report. 3. Treasurer's Report. 4. Election of Committee. 5. Constitutional changes. 6. Any Other Business.

Please Note: Nomination forms for positions on the Executive, together with proxy forms, are available from the SAVE office in Perth. Under the Constitution nominations will close at 7.30pm on Thursday, 9 June 1994.

ADELAIDE NEWS

On February 9, Nicholas Duncan came to Adelaide and introduced us to SAVE and the plight of the black rhinos in Africa. The documentary "Flight of the Rhino" was shown, and by the end of the evening the number of SAVE members in South Australia had gone from 7 to 35! Those of us interested in becoming further involved organised the first meeting of SAVE (Adelaide).

There was a huge turnout on February 16 at the Members Centre at Adelaide Zoo (kindly arranged by Jenny Soulsby). A committee was formed and a general discussion was held on how to get started here.

Our first official function was the second showing of "Flight of the Rhino" on Wednesday 20th April at the Grand Hotel, which once again kindly donated its facilities. More tee shirts and memberships were sold, as they were during the following week at the Adelaide Expo, where we were offered a display area at the last minute.

Thanks to all our team who helped with Expo — it was a new experience for most of us.

Special thanks must be to Adrian Achatz (ACA), an auditor and Lions Club Committee member, for his guidance and generous offer of the use of his office and facilities as our headquarters.

For copies of forms for memberships, T-shirts, and prints, contact our new headquarters at: 23 Greenhill Road, Wayville S.A. 5034 Ph: 373 5311.

For general enquiries, contact me (377 1661) or John King (331 3294). For those interested in becoming involved in fundraising, our next meeting is at our new headquarters at Wayville on May 11 at 7.30pm.

Hope to see all you Adelaide members at the Grand on the 20th April.

**Daryl Heath, Chairperson,
SAVE (Adelaide)**

VICTORIAN NEWS

On 3 December 1993, SAVE Victoria held a preview of the documentary film 'Flight of the Rhino' at the Classic Cinema in Elsternwick. The chance to see this excellent film on the 'big screen' at Victoria's oldest independent cinema was appreciated by all who attended.

The presence of Tina Dalton, the film's producer, and Nicholas Duncan really made the evening the success it was. Tina and Nicholas spoke with the audience and answered questions about Africa's black rhino for half an hour after the film. The audience was enthralled.

Nicholas conducted an auction of African carvings and other items during supper. The evening raised a total of \$7,000 which has been used to purchase 10 hand held radios for Sinametella intensive protection zone.

Thanks must go to Chantale and Russell at the Classic Cinema for their assistance both on and before the evening, to those members who helped both on and before the evening, to Tina and Nicholas for giving their time to attend from interstate and make the evening so special, and to all those who attended.

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After a lull in activities, the Victorian Branch will hold its next meeting on Tuesday 10 May at 15 Dendy Street, Brighton, at 7.30pm. As this is the first meeting for a while, we would like to see as many members there as possible, especially new members. Should anyone like to put an item on the agenda, or discuss any matter please call me on 528 5462. I also have T-shirts and windcheaters for sale.

Susan Pennicuk (Convenor, Victoria)

Ed note: The biggest thankyou of all goes to Sue who organised and co-ordinated the film evening.

NEW T-SHIRTS

As soon as our new name and logo has been approved at the A.G.M., we will be launching our new SAVE Foundation range of T-Shirts, proudly displaying the black rhino. They will be available for \$25 each from the SAVE office. Also available is a new range of attractive, genuine African artefact stone carvings.

TAX DEDUCTIBILITY FOR SAVE

On December 2 1993, the Save African Endangered Wildlife Donation Fund was placed on the Register of Environmental Organisations, and accordingly, gifts made to SAVE will be tax deductible. This means that any gifts for which no benefit is received in return, will be eligible for deductibility under the Income Tax Assessment Act of 1936.

We are proud to be accepted on this register and hope our membership will enable a better corporate sponsorship programme to be established. Anyone wishing to serve on the sub-committee is asked to contact the Perth Office.

PLEASE HELP!

The SAVE office desperately needs a volunteer typist/clerk/accounts person for one morning per week. Please phone Nicholas if you can assist.

THANK YOU

Your Executive recommends the following changes to our constitution

1. Item 1 — Name

Name — "SAVE AFRICAN ENDANGERED WILDLIFE FOUNDATION (Australia)" be replaced by "SAVE FOUNDATION OF AUSTRALIA (INC)".

2. Item 2 — Objectives (d)

To delete "the parent body, Save African Endangered Wildlife Foundation (based in the USA)".

3. Item 6 — Affiliation with Parent Body

To replace "Affiliation with Parent Body" with "Trustees".

4. Item 6

To delete the first paragraph "this association is by this document affiliated to the parent organisation Save African Endangered Wildlife Foundation (referred to hereinafter as the parent body) and this affiliation takes the following form".

5. Item 6 A

The Trustees of the Association will be

(i) Replace "parent body" with "Association".

(ii) Replace "parent body" with "Association", and delete "or in the event of the dissolution of the parent body, two other members not on the Executive of the Association, preferably honorary life members".

6. (iii) Replace "the President of the Association" with "one Member of the Association not on the Executive of the Association".

7. Item 6 B

Delete "Membership of this body may automatically provide membership of the parent body, and vice versa".

8. Item 6 C

Replace "C" with "B".

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ZIMBABWE UPATE

As the result of a meeting early in September, an updated black rhino conservation emergency plan was established, creating four Intensive Protection Zones (IPZ's) in Sinamatella, Matusadona, Matopos and Chipinge. These areas required additional vehicles, radios and housing and most importantly, manpower. Some six months later, the vast majority of these have been provided, and the rhinos in these four remaining areas are far safer than they have ever been before. There is a new commitment and sense of urgency from within National Parks and we are happy to keep supporting in what ever way we can. It may be that as few as 100 rhinos now remain on public land, but these are survivors of a 10-year war against heavily armed poachers, and they deserve all the support we can offer.

The traditionally heavy poaching season occurs during the rainy periods from November to March and fortunately, there have only been three known incursions in this time. One resulted in the death of a male, female and baby rhino in Chizarira, and the other was an attack on a private game park at Mhondoro, resulting in the death of both rhinos living there. This was a blatant example of the fight to exterminate the species as the poachers, probably local, initially attacked on November 29 and then returned on December 13 to finally kill the two rhinos they had initially only injured in the first gun fight.

The Imire Game Farm has spent the money donated by SAVE last year on increasing their security — in particular electric fences, sand bags and a trench around the boundary.

In November last year, President Mugabe decreed that all security forces, army, airforce, police and National Parks, should work jointly on rhino protection, and this has greatly enhanced their safety. The airforce has made available helicopters, and truckloads of army and police have been deployed into the parks for patrol work. With this new attitude of co-operation between security forces we feel assured that Zimbabwe is more committed than ever to preserving the black rhino, part of their national heritage. We offer congratulations to all those involved in these negotiations, particularly those within the Ministry, the Department, the Government and local NGO's. This is without doubt the most heartening event of recent years.

A delegation from Rhino Rescue Trust (U.K.) recently visited Zimbabwe to examine the work of their two consultants, an ex-army colonel and major. These men have been conducting 28-day training courses in Sinametalla and Matusadona, combining their resources for the security forces and National Parks' scouts. This will undoubtedly improve morale and discipline in the anti-poaching operations. Further courses are planned for the private conservancies so that their scouts can also benefit from expert military training.



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ROYAL SHOW No.7

Again, SAVE was represented at last year's Perth Show, appearing for the seventh consecutive year in the same position in the McFarlane pavilion. Many of the public expect to see us there each year and offer their support at various levels and it is always a good opportunity to display our carvings, T-shirts, safari clothing, prints and pictures, video material and our large acrylic rhino collection money box.

This year our stand was dressed by Linda Parr for which we were very grateful. As always, our good friends at Furniture Hire & Sales, Margaret and Arthur Prior, donated the walls, floor coverings and display furniture, and for the second year, Krys Jury took complete control of the personnel for the show, calling on SAVE members and her friends. To you all, we could not possibly have managed without you. A big thank you also to show stalwart, Tim Scarrott. During the 8 days, sales totalled about \$7000 and a further \$3000 was donated into the rhino money box. This gave us a tidy profit for the week.

At present we do not have a volunteer to coordinate the 1994 Show, hence the Executive has not reserved any display space. However, should any member, reader or friend wish to take over responsibility for arranging the display of goods and at least two people to serve on the stand at all times, then please contact the Perth office as soon as you can and we may be able to make a late booking for the Show in October. In case you are a school teacher or even a pupil, the whole of the Perth Show comes within your October holidays.

‘FLIGHT OF THE RHINO’ FILM NIGHT

The preview of the documentary "Flight of the Rhino" on October 10 last year at the Village Cinema, Dalkeith, was a successful evening attended by 120 people and raising \$7,500. We thank everyone for their generosity in supporting the auction.

The documentary is narrated by Tina Dalton from Channel 9 and explains the de-horning programme and the relocation of rhino to the Dubbo Zoo, hopefully to eventually begin a breeding programme. It was a joint National Geographic and Channel 9 production and for those who have not yet seen it, it is an excellent video.

Thanks to all who assisted in making this film night a success, and to Nicholas Duncan for conducting the auction so successfully. The wine was donated by Yalumba and the beer by Swan Brewery. Thanks to the media who promoted the event.

Copies of the video are still available: contact the SAVE office on 444 6550 — the cost is \$40.00.

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