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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

THIS is a bigger edition than usual, and we apologise for its delay.

It is now 3 years since SAVE (Australia) was formed in Perth, with subsequent branches in Brisbane and Sydney. Perhaps this is an appropriate time to review the reasons for SAVE's involvement in Zimbabwe.

In 1972, there were an estimated 65,000 black rhinos around Africa, mainly in Kenya, Tanzania, Zambia, Rhodesia (as it was then), South Africa, South West Africa and Botswana. Now, in 1990, there are only an estimated 2,800, and that is a 96% DECLINE!

This has been due to a highly organised network of poaching, initially supplying the North Yemen with rhino horn for their dagger handles, and more recently, South-East Asians with rhino horn for medical purposes, in particular, for curing fevers.

Kenya's rhino population has decreased from 20,000 right down to 400; Zambia's has gone from 8,000 to less than 100 and Zimbabwe's is now some 1,400 from a high of 2,000.

The saving of the black rhino in Africa, especially in Zimbabwe where the last viable breeding herd is to be found, is ONE OF THE GREAT CONSERVATION PROJECTS THAT IS CURRENTLY BEING UNDERTAKEN. We are fighting for a principle - do we let corruption and poaching encroach any further into Africa's great wilderness, or do we say "enough is enough".

We believe that attention and efforts from all around the world should be focused on Zimbabwe's black rhinos

and that is the reason for SAVE's current involvement there.

In the last 3 years we have provided \$165,000 of vital equipment, probably having a real value in Australia of \$250,000 and a value in Zimbabwe of many millions! That is simply because all the supplies that we give are unavailable in Zimbabwe as foreign currency is at such a premium over there.

Since receiving your last newsletter you will be happy to know that we have provided 6 brand new Yamaha 250 XT motorcycles and we thank Yamaha and Qantas Airways for their assistance in this project.

We also thank Toyota in Japan for their kindness in helping us with the purchase of a 4.2 litre diesel Landcruiser which has been paid for and is awaiting shipment to Durban and then to Zimbabwe.

We have also spent many thousands of dollars on sending out various Landrover spare parts from London, including a new body for Chief Warden (Operations), Glenn Tatham's V8 Landrover that was in a nasty crash in January. This will now be rebuilt and become serviceable again. To Affretair, the Zimbabwe Cargo Airline, we again offer our thanks for their free freight from London to Harare.

Despite the arrival of these transport items it is still a critical situation in Zimbabwe. Since June 12, 14 rhinos have been killed in 4 incursions by the poachers but we do believe that better organised patrols will now make it a far more difficult task for these illegal insurgents from Zambia.

Our fundraising in the past few months has been fairly minimal and is detailed in another section of this



6 motorbikes bound for Zimbabwe.

newsletter. However, we do thank all of you who have supported us and hope that you will again in the future.

We also ask that all our members make prompt renewals when requested by the Treasurer, as it can be very time consuming writing letters and making follow-up telephone calls, all of which is done at our own expense and in our own time. You must agree that a nominal \$25 per year is not much to ask for the work that is being done by the SAVE Foundation in Perth and we know that you want to continue to support us in our efforts.

The SAVE branches in Queensland and New South Wales have greatly helped our funds this year as you can see from their balance sheets. Richard and Lorrie Barzdo in Brisbane, and Stephen Ward and his Committee in Sydney, are to be thanked for their efforts. Together, they have contributed approximately \$17,000 to our cause.

We were saddened to read of the death of the 2-year-old female white rhino, Mwivi, at Perth Zoo. She and her companion Memphis had been brought to Perth Zoo in May as part of a worldwide breeding programme and it is a tragedy that after all the

effort that went into this project one of them has died. Hopefully, a replacement will be found and Memphis will find a mate.

It has become necessary for programmes like this to be taking place in different areas around the world, simply because of the critical situation of rhinos in their natural environment in Africa. Obviously, it is not the ideal solution, but it is far better than seeing the rhinos decimated in their own parklands.

Our next major fundraising function will be the Royal Show and various offers of help will be much appreciated, as outlined on another page.

Meanwhile, please send in whatever donation you can spare as we are well on our way to winning this war with the poachers but we cannot afford to be complacent and leave it all to the hard-working rangers in Zimbabwe. They deserve, and need, all of our support in whatever way we can offer it, but the bottom line is, for more dollars to be spent on more equipment to make their task easier.

Please help.

Nicholas Duncan
PRESIDENT



Richard & Lorrie Barzdo at the Holiday Ideas Show, Brisbane

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

ON Monday, 11th June, SAVE's third Annual General Meeting took place at 7.30pm in the lower pavilion of Royal King's Park Tennis Club. We were very pleased to welcome 35 members to this meeting, including many new faces to a SAVE function. Let's hope that our message spreads further and further and that more people start to support SAVE.

After the initial formalities had taken place, the President gave a thorough review of all events and situations that had occurred during the past year with a SAVE involvement. Parts of this information are found elsewhere in this newsletter under various headings. Quite clearly, SAVE cannot do all that is needed and we are glad that other groups in different parts of the world are also doing their best to help.

The President thanked all those who had contributed to the success of SAVE in the past year, in particular the Executive of Marion Bowers, Ray Pedretti, Vicki Oehme, together with Jo Lindo and Barbara Bryant, both of whom retired during the year due to pressures of work. He also thanked the other mainstays of SAVE, in particular, Julie Bain, Pat Bromfield, Maureen De La Harpe, Rhonda Duncan, Deidre Mussen, John Rainbird and Tim Scarrott.

The Treasurer circulated the financial statements for the year, those from Perth, Brisbane and Sydney. These are printed elsewhere in this edition. The obvious conclusion from them is that all the money that we raise from whatever source is spent on purchasing much-needed, vital equipment for Zimbabwe, and no money goes into administrative over-

heads (other than postage). This indeed would be a unique situation in our field of work, and one of which we are justly proud.

The following Executive was elected for the year 1990-91

PRESIDENT Nicholas Duncan
VICE PRESIDENT ... Marion Bowers
TREASURER Ray Pedretti
SECRETARY Vicki Oehme
GENERAL DUTIES Ash Donner

The A.G.M. finished with a most interesting question time in which many items were discussed and we thank everyone for their input into this session.

It is the wish and the goal of your Executive that this year be the biggest and the best in SAVE's history.



The Executive: L-R, Ray Pedretti, Vicki Oehme, Marion Bowers, Ash Donner and Nicholas Duncan.

SAVE AFRICAN ENDANGERED WILDLIFE FOUNDATION — AUSTRALIAN BRANCH

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO YEAR ENDING 31/5/90

INCOME

Quiz Night	5017.00
Royal Show	19909.46
G.M.B.C. Film Night	4592.45
Dancin' Man	4988.70
Sale Of Goods	31992.00
Membership and Renewals	3853.00
Donations	2187.50
Sales Tax Refund	1314.96
SAVE Queensland	4400.00
Bank Interest	1508.18

TOTAL \$79763.26

ASSETS

Cash on hand	2581.82
Stock on Hand	7232.00
TOTAL	<u>\$9813.82</u>

SAVE (QLD) FINANCIAL STATEMENT

INCOME

Various Shows	4754.00
Memberships/Renewals	1025.00
Other Sales	5147.70
Donations	1575.28
Interest	34.89
Misc (sale of showcase)	363.40
Cash on hand	2081.43

TOTAL \$14982.00

ASSETS

Cash on hand	2869.75
Stock on Hand	2100.00
TOTAL	<u>\$4969.75</u>

SAVE (NSW) FINANCIAL STATEMENT

INCOME

"The Abbey" Dinner Function	13952.00
Memberships	1250.00
Donations	373.00
Sale of Goods	2647.00
TOTAL	<u>\$18222.00</u>

ASSETS

Cash on Hand	4480.00
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LESS EXPENDITURE

Cost of goods	25099.45
Cost of Equipment to Africa	42033.28
Freight	4341.33
Customs Clearance Costs	884.44
Royal Show Costs	1298.05
Newsletter & Printing	1087.00
Postage	1664.90
Bank Charges	159.74
Operating Costs	363.25
Solicitors Fees	250.00
Cash on hand	2581.00
TOTAL	<u>\$79763.26</u>

LIABILITIES

Current Liabilities	0.00
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EXPENDITURE

Cost of goods sold	6759.30
Operating Expenses	265.43
Directory Listings	39.00
Postage	107.87
Bank Charges	9.65
Insurance	152.00
Printing	379.00
Sent to SAVE (Aust)	4400.00
Cash on hand	2869.75
TOTAL	<u>\$14982.00</u>

LIABILITIES

Current Liabilities	0.00
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COMBINED FINANCIAL STATEMENT TO YEAR ENDING 31/5/90

<u>INCOME</u>	<u>EXPENDITURE</u>	<u>STOCK ON HAND</u>	<u>CASH ON HAND</u>
\$112,967.26	\$112,967.26	\$9332.00	\$9931.57

SOCIAL EVENTS

Dinner at Zebra's African Steakhouse

Early in June we held a dinner at Jerald and Charlene Swindell's restaurant in Attadale. Around 70 people attended the dinner and afterwards we held an Auction of our many and

varied items from Africa. We again thank all who attended the dinner for their support. To those people who took part in the Auction and were successful with their bids, we hope you are enjoying your purchases. We raised approximately \$5000.



Dinner at Zebra's African Steakhouse.

Lend Me A Tenor

Our next function was the theatre night on July 6 at "Lend Me A Tenor", a very funny show, and 140 people attended. The food was a little slow in arriving, but, extremely well received, when finally it was found, in another function room! Unfortunately because of the lateness of the hour and the car park closing at midnight the Auction did not raise as much money as we had hoped, but I am sure you all enjoyed yourselves. We raised approximately \$1500.

As we have had further urgent requests from Africa since our last function, we are in the process of looking into a few different ideas for our next fundraising event, and hope as always for your and your friends' support.

Thank you.

Marion Bowers
VICE PRESIDENT

THE PARKS AND WILD LIFE ESTATE, ZIMBABWE.

Source: Department of National Parks and Wild Life Management



ROYAL SHOW

This year's Perth Royal Show will be from Saturday 29 September through to 6 October, from 9am-9pm each day. For the past 3 years we have had a most attractive stand in the McFarlane Pavilion, which has been a good source of information to the Perth public. It is also a good source of revenue for SAVE and has resulted in many items being purchased and sent to Zimbabwe. Our goal this year will be to raise \$20,000 through donations, memberships and the sale of many items we have.

A project of this nature requires help in many forms. We would be happy to have any creative ideas or suggestions for the design and decoration of our stand. We would also like to have help on Friday 28 when we set up and put the finishing touches to our display. The main help, of course, will be staffing the stand during the 8 days. We particularly need sales-oriented people who can work a shift anytime during the Saturday-Saturday period.

So, if you can help in any of the above ways, please call Nicholas Duncan on 444 6550, a/h 387 4236, or Marion Bowers on 385 8252.

ZIMBABWE UPDATE

POACHING of the rhino first started in December, 1984, and was concentrated in the Zambezi Valley. Operation Stronghold was set up, centred at Mana Pools, and for the last 5½ years has been monitoring all the work needed in the anti-poaching efforts.

During this time more than 700 black rhinos have been killed in the Zambezi Valley, in particular in the Chewore area. Naturally, many others have been born, so this is helping to maintain the status quo. Nevertheless, rhinos are now scarcer in this area and the poachers found it harder in 1988 and 1989 to catch their prey.

Hence, towards the middle of 1989 they started to concentrate their efforts further west, in Matusadona, Chizarira and, more recently, in Hwange. This has meant that at least 90 rhinos have been killed in these areas, together with 25 elephants in the Mana Pools region. This is the first evidence of organised elephant poaching in Zimbabwe, and this, despite worldwide bans on ivory since January 18.

Matusadona has recently been given £25,000 by a Jersey Trust to buy whatever equipment they need. Also, 15 motorbikes were recently donated by U.S. Aid for patrols in Hwange, the most recent area of rhino poaching.

The Toyota Landcruiser we have on order will go to Chirisa, another area with many rhinos in it.

For the past year many groups of school children in France have been raising money for the black rhino and this has now resulted in a big, well-equipped truck being donated for use with the translocation of rhinos. One of the ways of saving these animals is to capture them in their natural habitat and take them to a safer area, such as a ranch or sanctuary, where they can be kept under surveillance.

Frankfurt Zoo has also contributed to the cause, recently supplying a plane, mainly for Glenn Tatham's use.

With the 10th Anniversary celebrations for Zimbabwe Independence in April, there came a Cabinet reshuffle. This resulted in a new Ministry being formed, the Ministry of Environment, replacing the Ministry of Natural Resources. The new Minister is Comrade Herbert Murewa, formerly the Ambassador to Great Britain, and we have already established communications with him so that he is aware of SAVE's contribution to his country's plight.

We feel sure that he will be taking a keen interest in this conservation project and that together with his senior staff and the Director of National

Parks, Dr William Nduku, will make a visit to the various areas under attack so that a feel of the situation can occur.

The Zambian Government has recently formed an anti-corruption squad to try to track down the ring-leaders of the poaching syndicates operating out of Lusaka. We wish them success and hope that they will soon bring these terrorists to justice!

SAVE's lines of communication with the Zimbabwe National Parks are very good, and we are in constant communication with the Chief Warden, Glenn Tatham, so that we know the ongoing situation and problems.



● Repairing a SAVE vehicle at Chewore, watched by Chief Warden, Glenn Tatham, and Paul Oleszczuk.

SAVE (NSW) — GREAT EVENT!

THANKS to the wonderful offer of a venue at Ashanti Cafe, Balmoral Beach, Mosman, a large gathering braved an out-of-season thunderstorm to look at a collection of pastels, watercolours and prints of African animals and landscapes in the laden-with-atmosphere Parisian style cafe in Sydney on 18 July.

Champagne and nibbles were passed around over heads (as it was shoulder room only!) as we chatted and awaited the Auction. Our thanks to the Auctioneer, Steve Barber, who at the last minute offered his services at the Auction, and as always our friend David Butcher of the R.S.P.C.A. greatly enlivened the proceedings.

We had an amazing variety of items — authentic pith helmets, African pottery tribal masks by Belinda Villani, decorated with the authentic designs of the Kau Nuba tribe from the Sudan; stone animals from Zimbabwe, a wonderful tall wooden giraffe donated by Ken De La Coeur; an original oil painting of a leopard, donated for the evening by Mike Howard (still with wet paint, so keen was Mike to contribute to the evening!). We also auctioned a beautifully hand carved set of bowls of African woods, by John Battersby, 2 exciting books on Africa and an original pastel of Black Rhino in the

Ngorongoro Crater, Tanzania, by Susan Bernisconi.

Although bidding tended to be overshadowed by the animated crowd, it looks like SAVE will be able to contribute over \$3000 from the evening towards our next major purchase, a Toyota Landcruiser for the Game Parks. This was a good result considering only a small number of items were presented at the Auction, and the main purpose of the evening was a get-together to remind our SAVE supporters and friends of the urgency of our efforts in preventing poaching of endangered animals, especially the black rhino.

The beautifully hand worked pieces of silver jewellery by Tina Lehnerl with their exquisite detail, highlighted the uniqueness of this great prehistoric animal and caused much interest. A selection of framed prints and colour photographs by David Shepherd and C Marsden-Huggins also helped create an African atmosphere, and the truly African carving of the Makonda people in blackest ebony, donated by the African Heritage Gallery, portrayed the African spirit very well. Although the crowded venue (we always say the more the merrier!) did not permit the best viewing facilities for the items for sale, a lot of interest was shown and the great new sweat-

shirts by Jamie Badgery were much in demand. (Please remember these SAVE sweat and T-shirts are a little bit of added publicity for our efforts and can be ordered at any time, along with our prints and cards of African animals!)

Again a special thanks to David and Elke Richardson at Ashanti Cafe for their venue, attention and generosity during the evening, making it possible for our costs to be minimal, to Geoff Wallace, Balmoral Vintage Cellars for the champagne and wine, and to Brian Ahern, 'Bottom of the Harbour Seafoods' for his delicious fish nibbles. Without the support of enthusiastic people like these our SAVE events would not be successful.

It goes without saying the Committee worked hard at making this a success — thanks to you all — and we are about to set our plans for our next fundraising event, hopefully in the Spring!

Look forward to seeing you at that one!

Susan Bernasconi
TREASURER
SAVE (NSW)

N.B. Please note phone enquiries may be made on Sydney 02 661 4036, and written enquiries through African Heritage Gallery, 47 Oxford St, Darlinghurst N.S.W. 2010.

A LETTER OF THANKS FROM THE ZIMBABWE PARKS DEPARTMENT

6th August, 1990

Dear Nicholas

RE: DONATION: MOTORBIKES, MOTOR BOAT ENGINES AND LAND ROVER SPARES



The Department recently received a donation from your organisation which included 6 motorbikes and 5 outboard engines for Operation Stronghold. Over the past 12 months the Department also received from you an extensive range of Land Rover and outboard engine spares.

The Director, on behalf of the Department, extends his sincere thanks for this equipment. You are only too well aware of the problems associated with obtaining equipment to sustain our anti-poaching units in the field and how this severely debilitates our protection effort for the black rhino.

Apart from the benefits of receiving such equipment, SAVE (Australia) are to be commended for the quick response to requests for equipment and the expeditious manner in which it is delivered to Harare. Very often we have a particular vital spare part in our hand within days of "placing an order".

We do hope that your vital support for our operation continues. It is well appreciated that people are giving of their time and funds to run the administration of your organisation, and accordingly therefore personal thanks to those individuals who carry the biggest loads.

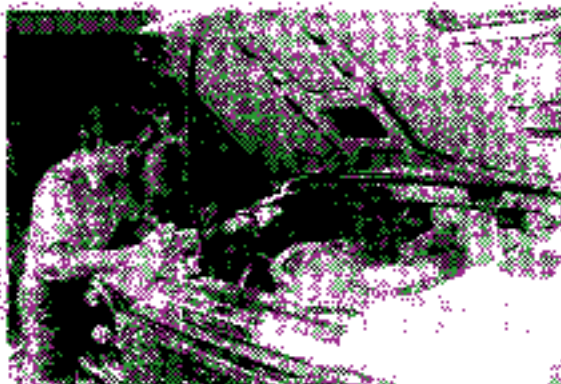
Please refer to Faxed Newspaper clipping regarding hand-over ceremony in Harare on the 7th August 1990.

Yours sincerely

G.H. Tatham
CHIEF WARDEN (OPERATIONS)
For DIRECTOR



● Another SAVE engine with mechanic Paul Oleszczuk.



● A SAVE engine at Maria Pools.



● One of SAVE's outboards at Matusadona, Lake Kariba.

APPEAL

The battle to save the black rhino in Zimbabwe is an ongoing problem and constant help is needed if we are to overcome the many obstacles that are in our way. The main help that we in Australia can give is in the form of transport items to make it easier for the rangers to patrol their parks and also to track the poachers.

In some parks they patrol on foot in areas that are 25 miles square. That takes a bit of doing and is hardly as effective as it could be.

Whilst major suppliers such as Yamaha and Toyota have been generous to us it is still necessary to raise funds for these basic items to be provided.

We desperately need more money to buy what is needed and we are appealing to all readers to make a pledge to help us! If you ring our office on 09 444 6550 we can send you a form so that your donation can be tax-deductible. In this way, you can perhaps give a little more than you might otherwise have done and we hope that you will respond to this appeal. Or, simply post your cheque to 229 Oxford St, Leederville W.A. 6007.

Thank you.



7 young rhinos in their natural habitat.



The tragic result of poaching at Chizarira.